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IN FIRE

Several children are missing and, it is feared, may have been burned to death as a result of a fire which broke out at No. 18, Portland Street, this morning, at 8.20 a.m.

People living opposite the house saw flames leaping from the verandah of the first floor and immediately summoned the fire brigade and police.

Fanned by the wind, the fire spread into the house and soon enveloped the adjoining house, No. 20.

Two fire engines arrived and soon had the outbreak under control, preventing it from spreading further.

The majority of the occupants of the houses managed to escape, but several children are missing and their whereabouts are still unknown.

The first and second floors of the two buildings were completely gutted and police, under Inspector Wright, have thrown a cordon around the area.

SHIP SUNK
BY GUNFIRE

The British submarine Sealion has destroyed a Norwegian ship of about 1,500 tons operating under German control off the Norwegian coast.

An Admiralty communique announcing this says Sealion allowed 15 minutes while the crew abandoned the Norwegian ship, and then sunk her by gunfire.

Her crew were quite safe in lifeboats as she was very close to land when abandoned.—Reuter

CHEERFUL
PICTURE

AN "OPTIMISTIC PICTURE," ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, WAS GIVEN BY GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL, U.S. CHIEF OF STAFF, DISCUSSING THE GENERAL SITUATION IN REGARD TO NATIONAL DEFENCE AND AID FOR BRITAIN AT A SECRET SESSION OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY.

According to one report General Marshall told the Committee that the United States intends to reinforce the Pacific Fleet immediately with an unspecified number of the latest types of warplanes.

He described the situation in the Pacific as "serious."—Reuter.

Repudiation Of
Ankara Pact
Inference

A SUGGESTION THAT, in virtue of her agreement with Turkey, Bulgaria will allow German troops to cross her territory, was refuted in the Turkish newspaper "Yakit" yesterday.

It says: "Certain people think that the signing of the Ankara pact means that Bulgaria has secured Turkey's neutrality, with a view to allowing the passage of German troops through Bulgarian territory.

"Without hesitation the Turks reply 'No'.

"There is irrefutable proof that Bulgaria, by signing the declaration, unreservedly recognises Anglo-Turk and Turco-Greek friendship and alliances."

M. Valtchin, a Deputy, writing in "Yenisabah," emphasises that the Anglo-Turkish Alliance is immutable and declares that the war of nerves which the Axis has launched in the Balkans will be scattered before the fortress-like strength of Turkey.

"Continuous contacts with Britain during difficult moments have led to friendship, mutual respect and confidence between the two countries becoming deeply rooted.

"To-day, as hitherto, the Turkish people follows the same path as the British, always remaining sincere friends in good and bad days and allies with the same idea's."—Reuter.

JAPANESE
FORCES MOVING
SOUTHWARD

Japanese army contingents are being transported southward from Formosa and even from Japan itself, according to confirmed reports, says a Shanghai telegram to the Dow Jones agency in New York.

The troops are presumably bound for Hainan or northern Indo-China, the report adds.—Reuter.

ITALY
MAKES IT
UNANIMOUS

Italy's reply to the Japanese offer of mediation is that the Axis powers are determined to continue the war until final victory.

"Rome circles," says the official Stefani agency, "affirm that it is understood that the Japanese spokesman's words are intended to emphasise Japan's desire for peace and do not mean there is any possibility of mediation between the European belligerents."

"It is categorically declared that the Axis powers remain in the position several times stated, that is, they are firmly determined to continue the war until final victory."—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS
BY R.A.F.

British fighters carried out some offensive patrol activity over the French coast during the day, it was officially announced in London last night.

Two British fighters are missing.—Reuter.

DR. CURRIE SOON
LEAVING CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Dr. Lauchlin Currie returned to Chungking from Chengtu yesterday afternoon. He will be leaving for Hong Kong very soon.—Our Own Correspondent.

MATSUOKA
AT WAR
OF WITS

Commenting on the Japanese offer of mediation the "Hindu Nationalist," of Madras, yesterday declared that "for a country which has been waging war in China for ten years to offer to work for peace is hypocritical."

The paper adds: "It is difficult to believe that Japan is animated by a genuine desire for peace, for in that case she must set an example herself by stopping her aggression against China."

The "Free Press," another Nationalist organ, says that if Hitler is carrying on a war of nerves against his enemies, Mr. Matsuoka is carrying on a war of wits.

While the former's moves are blatant and terrific, the latter's are subtle and intriguing.—Reuter.

WEAKNESS
IN JAPAN'S
TACTICS

The Soviet army paper "Red Star," commenting yesterday on what it calls Japan's "weak points" in what it terms the war of nerves between Japan and Britain and the United States, refers to Japan's military preparations and "movement southwards."

The paper says: "The weak and vulnerable points in these preparations were recently pointed out by Mr. Hiraio, president of a Japanese metal concern, who issued a reminder that Japan depends to a considerable extent on supplies of raw material from abroad."

"Mr. Hiraio's statement casts light on the motives for statements by Japanese diplomats in the peculiar war of nerves going on between the Japanese and the Anglo-American bloc."

Comparing these statements with the reported activities of the Japanese military authorities, the paper remarks that some foreign observers find a "certain division of labour" between the diplomatic and military departments in Japan.—Reuter.

agency, that Mr. Ohashi emphasised the need for the collaboration of the Australian Government in preventing any aggravation of the situation.

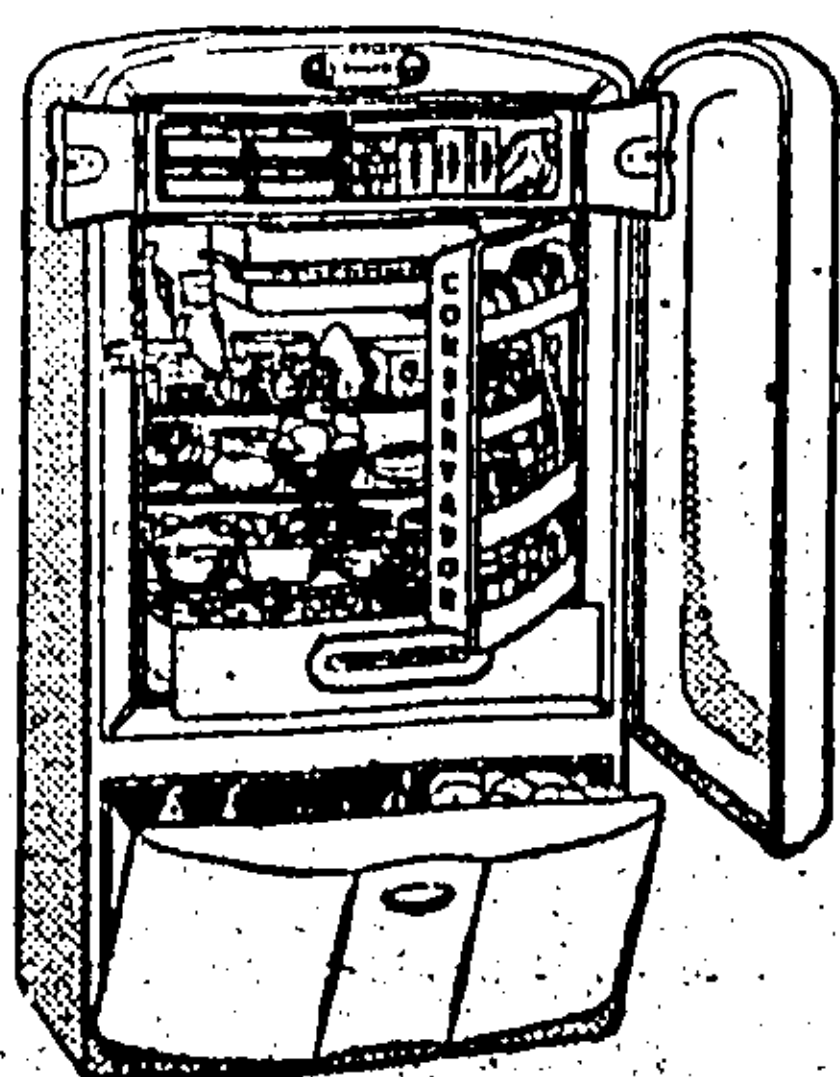
It is thought he declared that the "Far Eastern scare" was groundless.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN
MINISTER AT
GAIMUSHO

Sir John Latham, Australian Minister to Japan called on Mr. Chuichi Chashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, yesterday.

Subjects of the conversation are not revealed though it is generally believed, says the Domei

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"THE MOST ROMANTIC fraternity in arms that this world has ever witnessed," was the description given yesterday by Lord Croft, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War, to the British forces in the Middle East and Africa, fighting over a front extending for 2,500 miles.

Lord Croft was speaking at a luncheon given by the Overseas League to Empire press correspondents in Britain.

"May I remind you," he said, "sands, you have a real answer to that it was a mixed force of British and Indian troops who struck the first fateful blow at faith and fighting for the common freedom that they prize above all. This is the real 'new order'—a comradeship so close united that it marches steadily through the Valley of Death so that the British Empire and civilisation as a whole may survive and triumph over the foul evil thing which seeks to destroy the soul of man." Reuter.

"In this army are British Guardsmen and riflemen and numerous units of the Line—English, Highlanders and Welsh. New Zealanders are there and famous British cavalry regiments have added lustre to their great records of the past by showing themselves past masters of the war of speed.

"British Artillery, Engineers and the Royal Army Service Corps are there and the latter have been aided in the supply service by Cypriots, who for the first time fight on the British side.

In Eritrea

"South-east to Eritrea you find in the extreme north British troops advancing near the coast and threatening the Italian right flank.

"A hundred miles to the south British and Indian troops have made dramatic advances from the Sudan, capturing Kassala, Biscia and Agordat, and are attacking the immensely strong position of Keren.

"Further south British and Indian troops have captured Barentu and are still advancing.

"A fourth force of British, Imperial and Sudanese troops finally captured Gallabat and is advancing towards Gondar.

"A further 600 miles on, South African troops have advanced east of Lake Rudolph, penetrating deep into Abyssinia, and have, with Rhodesians and King's African Rifles, cleared all Kenya of the enemy and are thrusting north.

"Finally, 600 miles further east, troops of the Gold Coast, with the King's African Rifles, have conquered a great area of Italian Somaliland and have captured the important port of Kismayu and are now on the line of the River Juba.

Real Answer To Hitler

"When we remember that Canadian divisions and New Zealanders, with gunners from Newfoundland, are standing here at a vital part of this struggle to meet the first shock of invasion, that Australians and Imperial troops are reinforcing Singapore, that squadrons of Dominion airmen are sharing the highest honours of the heavens with the flower of the Old Country's youth, and that from the great Imperial centre of Canada they are coming and will yet come in their scores of thou-

NURSED HIS HORSES IN RAIDS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

"Walking the plank" with two horses over hundreds of tons of loose and fallen masonry, Bill Kennedy, foreman at a London stables, saved the lives of the animals.

They had been trapped for eight days and nights in their wrecked stable. Only by tunnelling a passage and making a hole in one of the stable walls was it possible to get food and water to them.

Day in and day out, until he had completed the rescue, Bill Kennedy was at the hole in the wall near his horses. He fed them himself and chatted to them during raids or when rescue workers were extra noisy.

"Tight Rope Walk"

If the animals had become nervous and kicked or struggled it might have meant the collapse of the already shaky roof above them. Both the horses and Bill would have been killed.

When one of the stable walls had been removed and Bill led the animals to daylight, narrow planks were erected across the wreckage above.

Over the rickety plank the foreman led the horses, one at a time, to safety.

At the start of his first perilous journey he stumbled and injured his hand.

"It was doing the tight rope walk," Bill said when I met him. "Bonzo and Nobby took it well."

"Before I got them out I sat and talked to them. I was frightened they might get nervous, but, yes, they took it well."

QUIET ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Glittered securities advanced on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on fair buying and Kaffirs on Cape and local support, while there was some demand for Indian loans, but elsewhere conditions were mostly quiet. In-

HIN SANG LAUNCH AT KOWLOON

BUILT FOR THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, A 4,200-TON MOTOR VESSEL, THE "HIN SANG" WAS LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON DOCK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. LADY GRAYBURN, WIFE OF SIR VANDELEUR GRAYBURN, CHIEF MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, PERFORMING THE CHRISTENING CEREMONY.

Some 250 guests were present including Sir David Owen, who is in the Colony to investigate harbour facilities.

The vessel has been specially designed to carry timber and firewood and, "one of her first jobs will probably be collecting firewood for the Colony," according to the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Chairman of the Dock Company, in a brief speech.

Among others present at the ceremony were:

Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith (representing the Acting Governor), Major-General A. E. Grasett, Capt. A. C. Collinson (Commandant), Hon. Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. and Mrs. W. N. Thomas Tam, Sir Elly Kadoorie, Major and Mrs. Manners, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Major and Mrs. R. D. Walker, Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield.

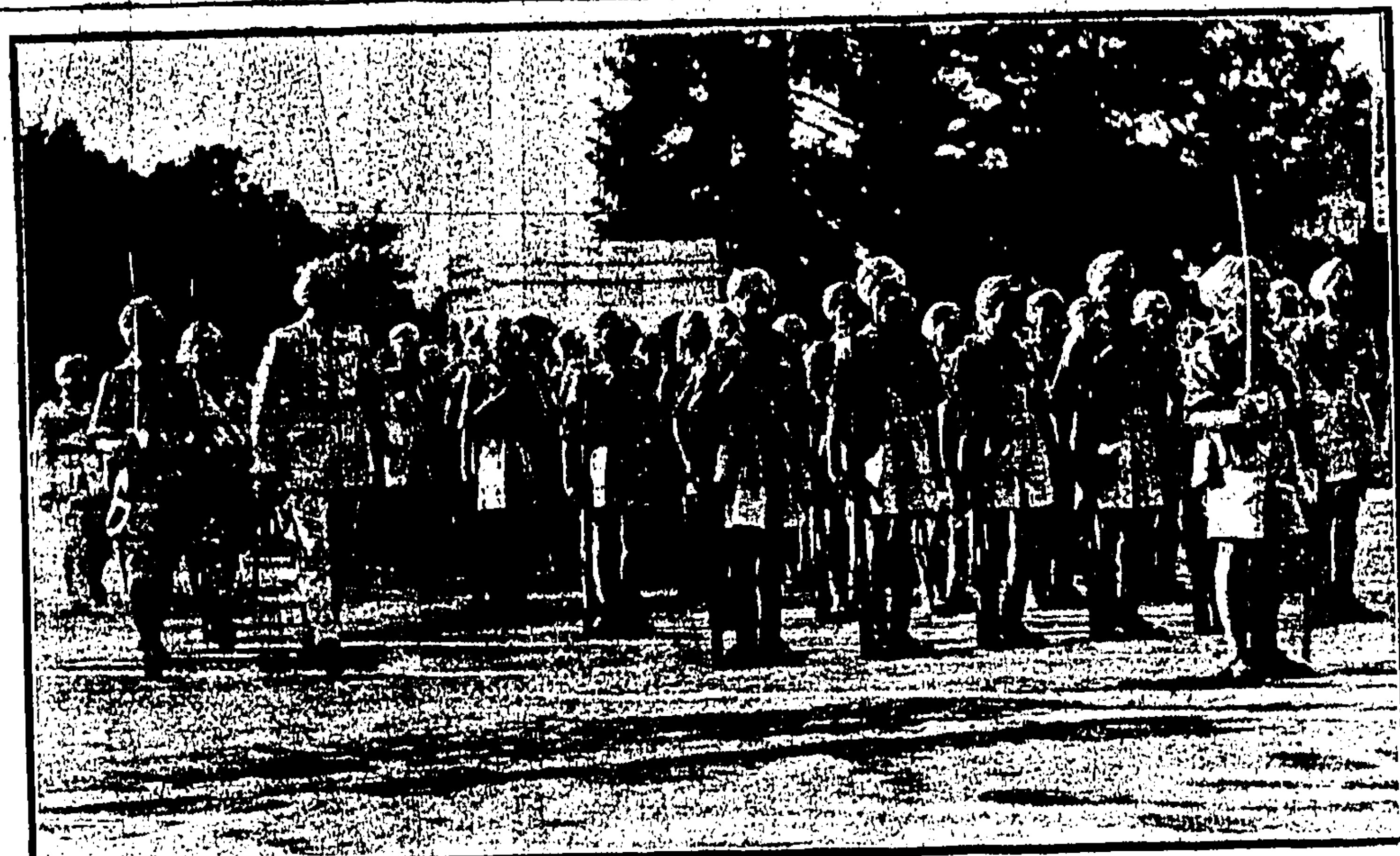
BELGIUM'S PLIGHT

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN BELGIUM IS DESCRIBED AS "CATASTROPHIC" ACCORDING TO TRAVELLERS ARRIVING IN SPAIN, SAYS INBEL (THE FREE BELGIAN NEWS AGENCY) YESTERDAY.

The country has been pillaged and stripped bare by the occupying forces.

The position is worse than that which existed in Spain during the Civil War, travellers declare. Spinning mills are idle owing to lack of wool.—Reuter.

dustrials were inclined to be dull, with textiles heavy and home rails eased appreciably on profit-taking, but oils improved. Among foreign issues Argentines and Brazilians tended to be easier. Mail Street was quietly firm.—Reuter.



The Yadavindra Infantry of Patiala State which received its new Colours from His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala left for somewhere on active service the following day. This is yet another infantry regiment which the Patiala Government has been able to so far send to the aid of the British. Photo shows His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala inspecting troops prior to their departure. (Copyright, Fox).

ELEVEN ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

BOMBER AND FIGHTER UNITS of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, the South African Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force brought yesterday's bag of enemy aircraft to 11, in addition to two further machines brought down the day before during engagements or bombing operations.

MALAYA'S GIFT TO WAR EFFORT

Malaya's latest contribution to the Empire's war effort is a free gift of £450,000 raised by war taxation and additional Customs duties from September to December, 1940.

Lord Moyne, Secretary for Colonies, has gratefully acknowledged the gift.—Reuter.

BRITISH FASCIST IN AIR MINISTRY

Surprise that people in sympathy with the British Union of Fascists should be employed in the Air Ministry was expressed by Mr. Justice Cassels at York Assizes when he sent Thomas Hubert Beckett, 35-year-old architect, to penal servitude for three years.

"It has been disclosed," the judge said to Beckett, "that you were not the only individual employed in the Air Ministry who had such sympathies, but there it is."

"You were there, and you have been convicted of making ill use

All yesterday's victims were Italian except one Heinkel machine.

Three Hurricanes engaged a formation of Heinkels on Wednesday and of the two British planes missing one is safe.

South African Air Force units destroyed 10 Italian aircraft during an attack on an aerodrome in the Asmara (Eritrea) area, while one Heinkel was brought down during an enemy raid on Benghazi, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

It is now confirmed that Australian fighters on Wednesday shot down two additional Junkers machines.

In an attack on Asmara aerodrome buildings and hangars were hit while a transport park and repair ships at Desse (Abyssinia), as well as moving troops on roads, were heavily bombed, large columns of black smoke pouring up from the ravaged workshops.—Reuter.

ERSATZ SPECIAL

Tulip coffee is the latest Nazi ersatz speciality.

According to the "Frijs Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, Dutch bulb growers are exceedingly busy because the Germans are using about 5,000 tons of bulbs to make "coffee" for Dutch consumption.

The bulbs, with the exception of hyacinths and narcissi, which apparently have a poisonous content, are cut in small pieces and roasted to the correct colour, chicory is added and it is found that a further addition of a small quantity of pure coffee makes the concoction taste better.—Reuter.

of your position by obtaining a plan which showed the position of certain aerodromes, and also by drawing up a list of aerodromes which was described by witnesses as being so up-to-date that some of the places had only just been started."

The judge added that it must come as an astonishing fact that information such as Beckett had been found guilty of obtaining had been obtained by him so easily.

BRITISH NAVAL FORCE ENTERS BENGHAZI

Cleaning Up Libyan Ports

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent with the British Mediterranean Fleet)

I HAVE JUST returned to harbour after spending ten days at sea on board a British warship in which we visited captured Italian ports and saw how the British lines of communication are being maintained as far as Benghazi.

We were the first naval force to enter Benghazi since its surrender.

LOST HER NERVE— "ALL RIGHT ON MUNITIONS"

When application to approve a settlement under the Workmen's Compensation Act was made at Clerkenwell County Court it was stated that the girl concerned had met with an accident on the first day she began work as a machinist.

Mr. Registrar Friend: That makes the question of compensation more difficult. Psychologically, the shock was greater than if she had been used to machinery.

The girl, who declared, "I can never work a machine again; I have lost my nerve," mentioned that she was now working in a munition factory.

The Registrar: But surely working in a munition factory requires nerve?

The Girl: I am all right. I am not working a machine.

The Registrar: Yes, I suppose it is a case of where ignorance is bliss, etc.

He adjourned the application for further medical evidence.

TOOK £3,000 TO PUBLIC SHELTER

A woman who had saved £3,000 in forty years kept the money in banknotes in an attache case which she took with her each night to a public air raid shelter.

Stanley Thomas Hammond, aged twenty-three, a soldier, was committed for trial when he appeared at Tottenham charged with stealing £2,500 of the money.

The woman, Mrs. Annie Young, a widow, of Newton-road, Tottenham, said that in the shelter she met Hammond, who was a friend of her sons. Each morning for a week he returned to her home for a cup of tea. After one of these visits £2,500 of the money was missing.

Hammond was alleged to have made a statement that he put £500 in a bank, spent £140 on clothing and jewellery, and lost more than £200 dog racing.

It was stated that £1,300 had been recovered. Mrs. Young was advised by the magistrate to invest it.

M.P. WANTS BUGLE CALL FOR SIREN

A more cheerful alternative to the wailing sirens is suggested in a question by Sir William Davison. (Con. Kensington).

He will ask the Home Secretary in the House of Commons:—

"Whether, now that the Government have approved of an increase in the number of military bands as likely to be a cheering influence on our citizens, consideration will be given to the provision of a more musical and martial note, something in the nature of a posthorn or bugle call for our air raids sirens."

"The present wailing sound," he says, "is most depressing."

LOVERS MEET IN VICAR'S HOME

As a memorial to their son, an R.A.F. officer killed in action, the Vicar of Preston and his wife have made their home a rendezvous where soldiers may spend evenings with wives and sweethearts.

Part of the seventeen-roomed vicarage has been turned into quarters where husbands and wives can recapture the atmosphere of home and sweethearts find delight in each other's company in cosy nooks complete with settees, armchairs and shaded lights.

If music is needed, a piano is there.

The vicar, Canon J. E. W. Wallis, is prepared to throw open his private suite for those who want to be alone together. No others will be admitted. Those who ask first will have the study to themselves.

Men can have a hot bath, and voluntary workers will cook meals for the visitors.

They Want Privacy

Also available is a library with several hundred books. "But my visitors will have so much to talk about that I cannot imagine it being used much," said the vicar.

There is a miniature chapel and an air-raid shelter.

Canon Wallis told a reporter:— "We decided on our plan because we felt that soldiers and their women-folk have no facilities to enjoy meeting, often after long separation, in what they most desire—home conditions.

"They want privacy, which cannot be got by walking about the streets or spending money they can ill afford in cafes.

"Wives and sweethearts sometimes travel long distances to Preston to see their loved ones. It is right that they should be able to sample home comforts again.

"We hope our memorial will bring happiness to many."

Now that German planes are participating in the African campaign more determined efforts are to be made to disrupt British sea communications along the Libyan coast, but counter-measures by units of the Fleet have enabled a steady flow of men and materials while the reorganisation of the captured towns is proceeding apace.

Three German airmen, shot down while we were at Benghazi, are now on board this ship as prisoners, together with 350 Italian officers and 500 men.

Outward bound we carried a number of Libyan volunteers, some of whom were exiles and others ex-prisoners now fighting on the British side.

Libyan Aid

A British officer told me how, during the advance beyond Derna, local Libyans rendered valuable service by dropping behind the retreating Italians and pointing out mined areas.

In some cases they actually built barricades in front of mines to prevent the British passing over before they had been warned.

Our first port of call was Tobruk, where the harbour was still full of sunken enemy derelicts.

Ashore, the arduous task of cleaning up the town was proceeding rapidly, while the native element gradually trailed home.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA WILL BE THERE TO VICTORY

MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, ARRIVED IN ENGLAND BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WAR SITUATION.

Mr. Menzies told the press: "I am delighted to come to England, and say to the people of England, on behalf of the people of Australia, that we are on your side and you will never be beaten while there are any of us above the surface."

Principal purpose of his coming, he said, was to discuss with the British Government matters of common interest in war co-operation.

Referring to his visit to the Middle East he said he covered a range of country from Jerusalem to Benghazi and altogether flew about 3,500 miles in the Middle East, which was some indication of how fast the Australian forces were travelling.

He found them all in tremendous fettle. They regarded their operations against the Italians in the nature of a preliminary canter. What they wanted to do was to have a go at the Germans.

Belief in Victory

Mr. Menzies paid a tribute to the way in which the people of

Britain had taken the air attacks and said he brought from Australia "belief in victory and a definite assurance that so long as Australia has any resources of any description, Great Britain will not stand alone in this war."

Mr. Menzies wanted to be able to witness at first hand what was going on in Great Britain so he could return to Australia and help create a vivid impression of the truth in Great Britain.

He was "sure that the more clearly the truth was understood the greater would be the stimulus to Australia's own war effort."

Mr. Menzies added there was no doubt that Britain would win but she could not win completely unless they all produced a maximum all-round effort.—Reuter.

CASUALTIES IN RAID ON LONDON HEAVY

It is now ascertained, says the Air Ministry, that the number killed in Wednesday night's raid on London was greater than at first thought.—Reuter.

OLD SONG COME TRUE

"If you want to know the time ask a policeman." The old music-hall song means something again. Weeks of heavy bombing have stopped many of London's public clocks.

Watchmenders are working at full speed, but most of these clocks still obstinately point to the same hour. Hundreds of Londoners, who have never bothered to buy watches, find themselves in a "sea of lost time."

So they have gone back to the old days and "ask a policeman." As a more modern touch, they sometimes ask an air raid warden, whom they seem to regard as a general handyman and information bureau.

But they usually fall back on the policeman, who can be seen benignly taking out his old turnip and gravely giving them the exact minute of the day.

22 OF HIS FAMILY BURIED

(By A Special Correspondent)

A man went to the funeral of twenty-two relatives recently.

They included his parents, brothers, and sisters. They were buried in one grave.

The man, Mr. John Blake, was the sole survivor of a London family wiped out by a bomb.

You may remember the tragic story of the Blakes—the family who had a tiff over the safety of their basement shelter.

"Let's make it up over a bottle of port," said one of the women. Twenty-two of the family—including six grandchildren, aged four to nine—turned up.

Their Toast

The grown-ups drank a toast: "To a united family." Happy, they went to their bunks in the steel-girded basement.

Soon afterwards a bomb hit the basement and killed them all—Mr. and Mrs. W. Blake, five sons and their wives, their two daughters and their husbands, and their grandchildren. Mr. John Blake had not been able to go to the party. He headed the mourners.

Union Jacks covered some of the coffins. Police and A.R.P. workers lined the cemetery pathway.

As the coffins were lowered into the grave an Airtel was sounded.

Soldiers and sailors among the mourners came to attention and saluted at the graveside.

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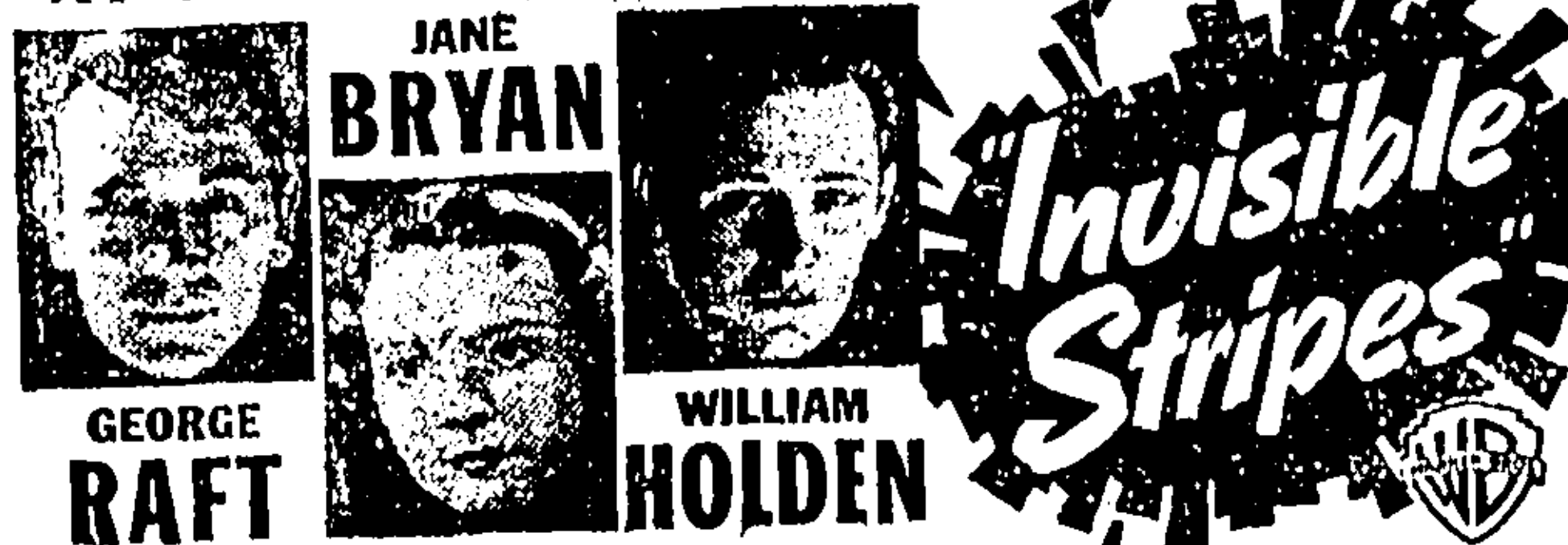
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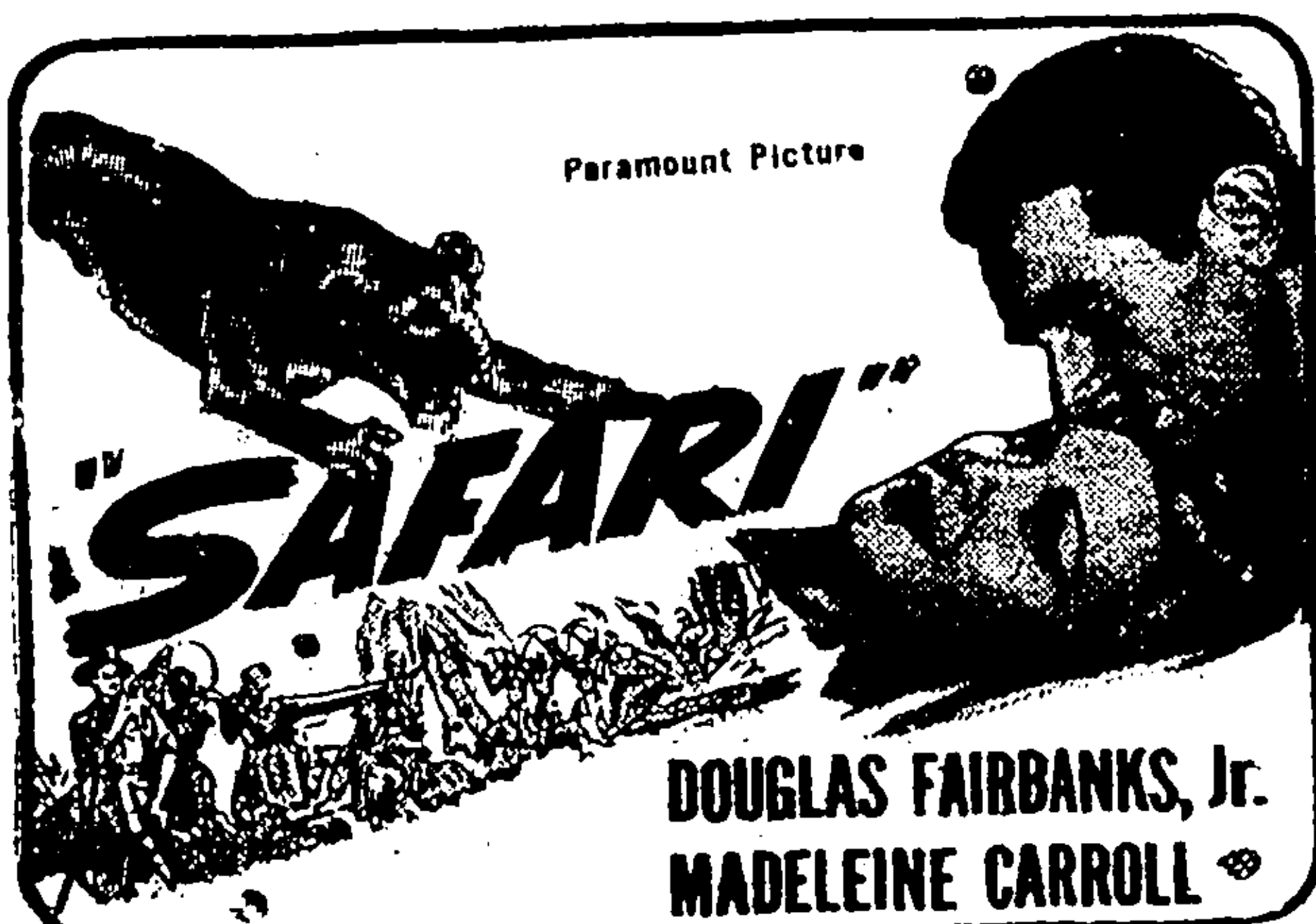
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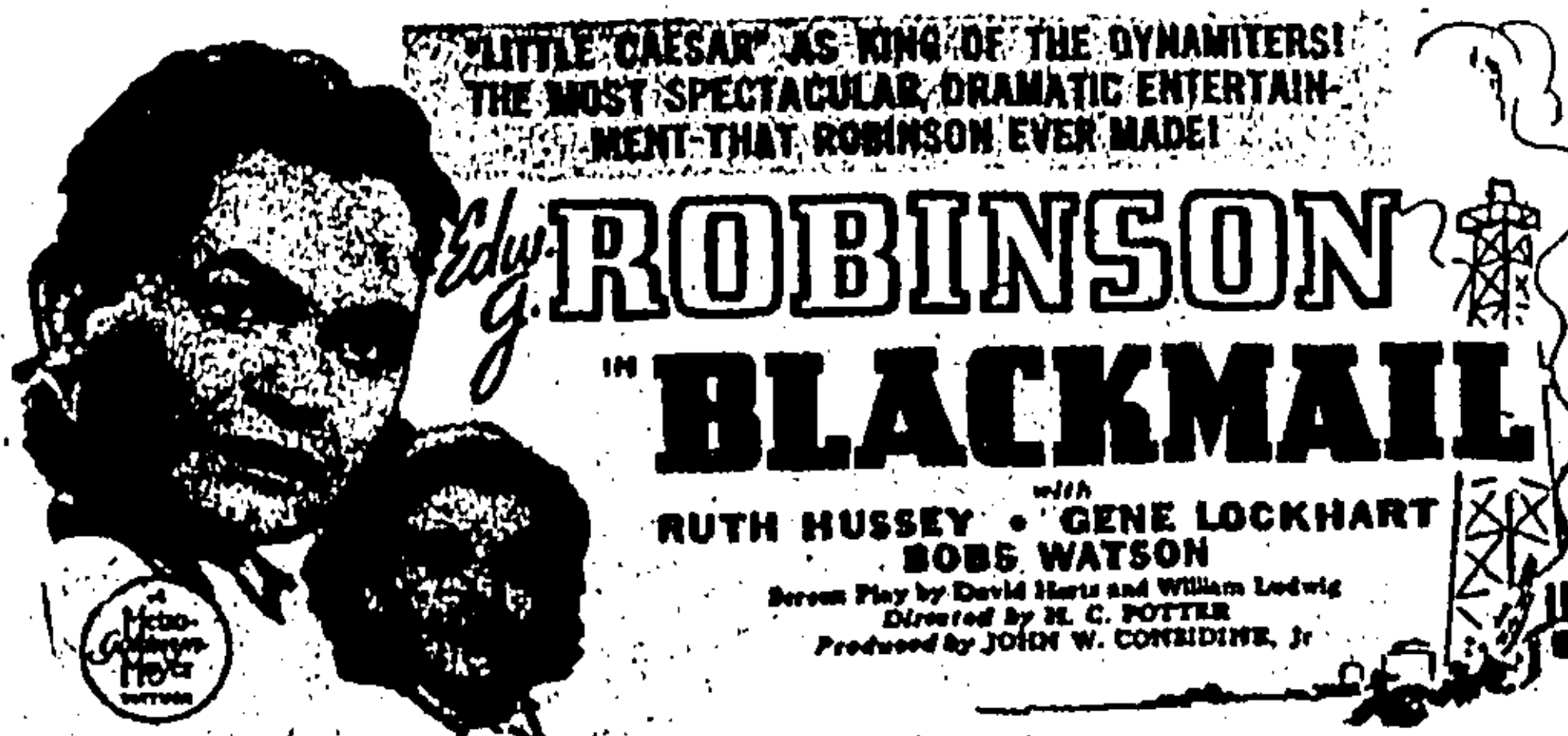
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LONDON TO-DAY A MINIATURE EUROPE

"WE HAVE HERE in London a miniature Europe and we wish consequently to adjust the law of our country to meet the international character of our capital," declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in moving the second reading of the Diplomatic Privileges Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Bill proposes, said Mr. Butler, to confer a position corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon the members and senior officials of the Allied Governments of Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government, as well as leaders and senior officials of the Free French movement established in Britain.

The British and other Governments will agree upon the names of individuals affected and the list will be published in the London Gazette.

Mr. Butler added that the protection accorded to diplomatic envoys to the Court of St. James should be extended to diplomats accredited to Allied Governments at present established in Britain.

Mr. Butler said London was the focus of resistance of a free Europe and the Bill would make Britain a real home of freedom for those determined representatives of national resistance.

The Bill was passed on the second reading.—Reuter.

EVACUEES BOOST BRITAIN

British evacuee children in the United States are being lionised by their American hosts, who are eager to express sympathy with them and with their parents.

One newspaper published an article by an American boy, Robert Scott, aged 12, who gave his impressions of two young English guests in his New York home.

"I think they are really scared about the war, but they don't show it. They are always talking about how England will win," Scott wrote.

"The English boys play very fair, and they sock each other pretty hard when they play. They don't fuss much about bumps and scratches. They like to play Indians, but they get mixed as to whether it's their kind or our kind of Indians.

"Mostly their games are make-up games about soldiers, and they work very hard at it and make everybody else work very hard. At first the older English boy drilled the five of us as long as two hours at a time.

"For a day or so that was all right, but afterwards we quit. He wanted to lock us in the yard to make us keep it up.

Manners Defined

"The younger boy has learned American words like 'Shut up,' and things like that, and his brother is worried about his language. English boys don't say 'Shut up,' but they say things that make our coloured man very shocked.

"Their manners are very much better than ours, except when grownups aren't around. Then they are just like anybody else. That's what you mean by manners, isn't it — how you act when grownups are around?"

Evacuees are taken in large parties to cinemas, notably those where Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" is exhibited. Their reactions to everything American are eagerly noted.

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Conscription was introduced in Malta yesterday. The Governor is empowered to call all males between the ages of 18 and 41 for military service.
—Reuter.

V.C.'s HEROIC PILOT KILLED

THE OFFICER who piloted the blazing R.A.F. plane in which Sergeant Hannah won the V.C., and who was awarded the D.F.C. for his own bravery, has been killed as the result of operations over enemy territory.

He was Pilot Officer Clare Arthur Connor, and Sergeant Hannah said he would never fly with anyone else.

But the V.C. was not with his pilot on Pilot Officer Connor's last flight. The sergeant was on leave. Pilot-Officer Connor was married last March to Miss Betty Collyer, of Bridgwater, who is expecting a baby in about two months time.

"My son-in-law was on leave until last Saturday," Mr. Collyer told a reporter. "They went back to his aerodrome, and one Sunday night he was sent out on operations over Germany.

"His plane apparently came down when coming back over the North Sea fairly near the English coast. His body has been recovered, together with the bodies of four of his crew.

"By a remarkable coincidence, Sergeant Hannah was not with him. When my son-in-law was given a week's leave Sergeant Hannah was given three weeks' leave, as he had two weeks' sick leave to come to him.

"I am Proud—"

"I know that he will be terribly upset at the news. He said he would never fly with anyone else but Pilot-Officer Connor.

"My daughter was in tears when she spoke to us this morning. We are naturally very worried, as she is expecting her baby so soon," said Mrs. Connor. "I'm very fond of Clare . . . and I always shall be."

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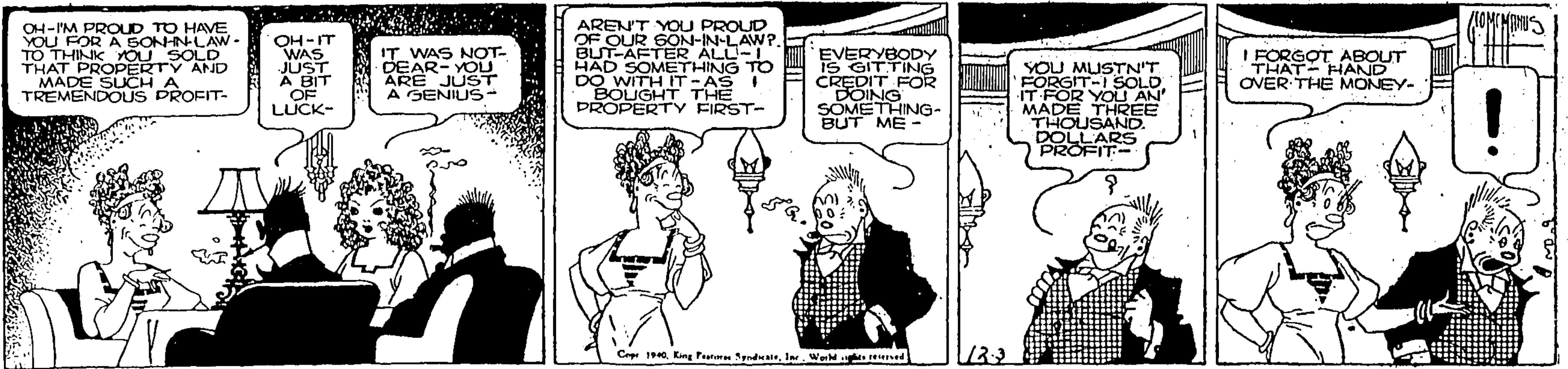


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DOG WAS BURIED 2 DAYS-- O.K.

After being trapped for two nights and days under his A.F.S. master's bombed home, a dog was rescued.

The dog, Bimbo, could be heard barking continually from his prison as his master, Mr. A. Tiranti, worked to free him, but there was not even a small space through which food or water could be passed.

At last the rescue squad were able to bore a hole through a 3ft. concrete foundation down which Mr. Tiranti was able to climb and rescue his pet.

His Tail Wagging

When Bimbo was carried to the surface he was very much alive and tail wagging, and a small crowd which had been standing vigil off and on throughout the dog's imprisonment cheered and rushed up to pat him.

Said Mr. Tiranti: "I could hear him barking, and my cat, who is also somewhere below the fallen house, was meowing. We can get some fish through to her now, and it will keep her going until we can free her, too."

Town Sang In Six-Hour Blitz

"BRISTOL HAS BEEN wiped out as a distributing centre and important railway junction. Great stocks of food destined for London were destroyed." —German News Agency.

Public shelters rang with community choruses, and people caught in churches and chapels sang for six hours as 100 German bombers rained incendiaries and high explosives on a western town—the main target for the Luftwaffe.

At a hall where a Recorder was conducting a service people sat on their seats, sang hour after hour and went home at the end of the raid unharmed.

"I must say," said the Recorder later, "that we did not sing only hymns. We even sang 'What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor?'"

Fires were started near a theatre where a concert was being held. A cafe and a clothing store blazed.

The casualty list, it is believed, will not be so heavy, considering the intensity of the

raid, in which the enemy did not use as many planes as in previous attacks on the Midlands.

The Germans claimed to have blown up a large gasometer in their attack on Bristol — "which falls within the same category as the raid on Coventry. Forty-five fires were seen."

Two night raiders were brought down in the sea.

'Mirror' Office Hit

Miss Barbara Nickalls, a reporter stationed in the Western town, phoned:—

With a photographer, Mr. C. Crayford, and a telephoto operator, Mr. C. Barrett, I was in the office when the first bombs fell.

We ran to the ground floor and found about ten women, many of them elderly looking for shelter. They had been at a meeting of a learned society.

We took them to the cellar. Just as we got there the first bomb hit us. The windows and doors of the building were blown in.

Venturing upstairs, I found we were ringed on three sides by fires. We waited in the cellar for over three hours.

Every now and again, Mr. Crayford or I went up to street level. A fireman played water on our building. He died as we shouted to him.

A second bomb hit us and suddenly I found the building was on fire above us.

I ran down the garden at the back and in a high wall fifty yards away found a stout door securely locked. For a moment it looked as though we were trapped, but I shouted to Mr. Crayford and he ran up from the cellar with a spade.

Out Of Trap

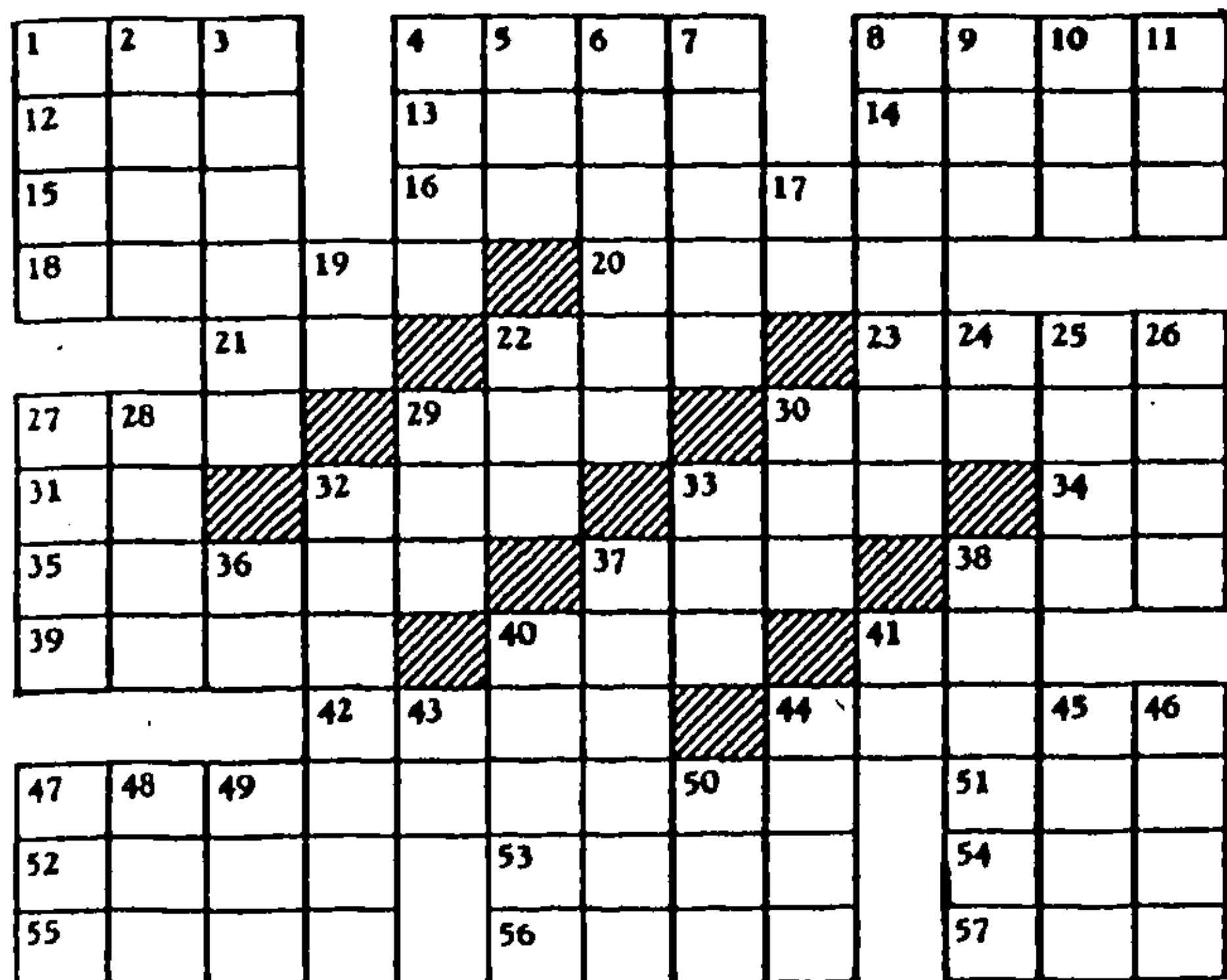
He attacked the top of the door while another girl and I tore at the bottom.

My coat was burning. I found a fork lying in the garden and prised open the foot of the door.

Mr. Crayford yelled, "Fall flat." We flung ourselves against the wall as three bombs fell, a few feet away.

We attacked the door again, forced it open at last and went back to fetch the women from the cellar. I heard one say to another: "... and you really must come to my exhibition next week, dear."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Resort
- 4 Hauls
- 8 Learned
- 12 Dawn
- 13 goddess
- 14 Mine
- 15 entrance
- 16 Epic poem
- 17 High
- 18 mountain
- 19 Malignant
- 20 Long-handled shovel
- 21 Dross
- 22 Hawk-headed deity
- 23 Digit
- 24 Shoshonean
- 25 Indian
- 26 Lettuce
- 27 genus
- 28 To possess
- 29 To play carelessly
- 30 King of Bashan
- 31 Ancient
- 32 tribal tax
- 33 Male child
- 34 Colloquial
- 35 mother
- 36 Fold
- 37 Crowd
- 38 Knave of clubs
- 39 Gull-like bird
- 40 Tibetan gazelle
- 41 Three-toed sloth
- 42 Mountain lake
- 43 Place of combat

- 47 Long, narrow raft
- 51 Corded cloth
- 52 To assist
- 53 Positive pole
- 54 Cry of a dove
- 55 Hindu prince
- 56 To examine
- 57 Termination

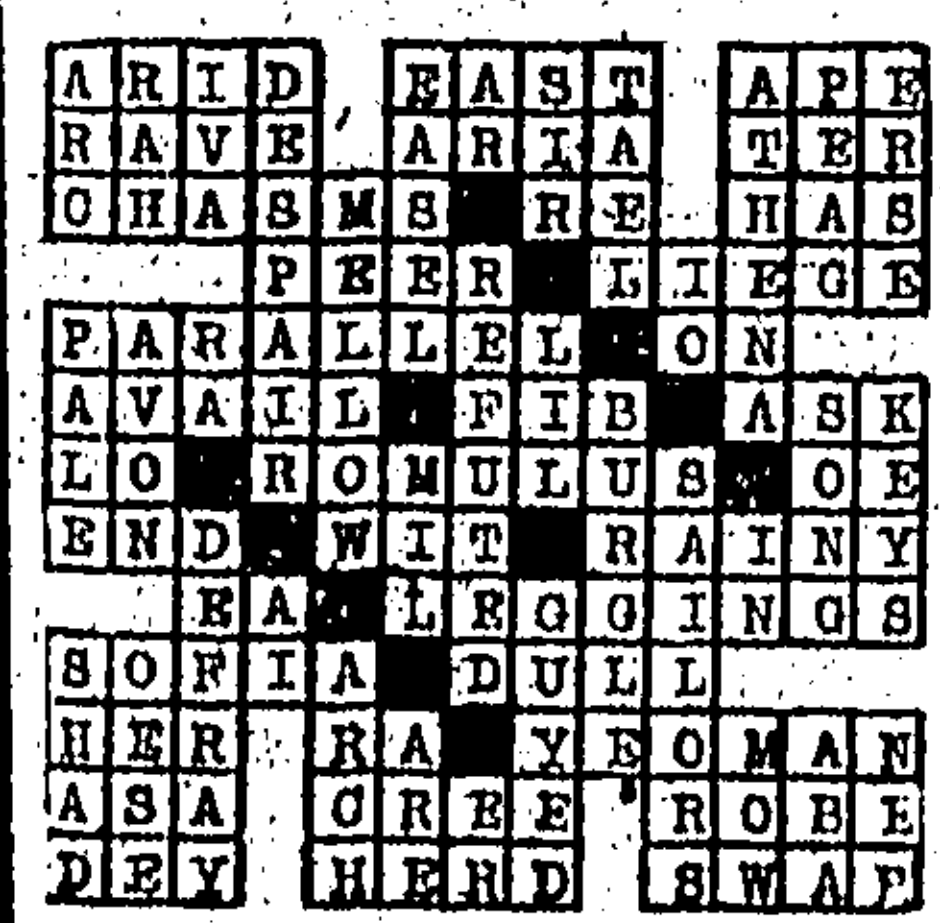
VERTICAL

- 1 Bodies of water
- 2 U. S. President, 1845-1849

- 3 Turkish coins
- 4 U. S. President, 1909-1913
- 5 Lyric poem
- 6 U. S. President, 1913-1921
- 7 Took unlawfully
- 8 Preponderous
- 9 Samoan mudworm
- 10 French coin
- 11 Worm
- 12 Symbol for
- 13 Babylonian deity

- 22 Duo
- 24 Conjunction
- 25 American carnivore
- 26 Moslem prayer leader
- 27 Descendant of native Egyptians
- 28 To look askance
- 29 Worthless leaving
- 30 To sigh convulsively
- 31 Choral composition
- 32 Feather neck-wrap
- 33 Teutonic deity
- 34 U. S. President, 1817-1825
- 35 U. S. President, 1853-1857
- 36 U. S. President, 1869-1877
- 37 Land measure
- 38 Part of "to be"
- 39 The dill
- 40 Gaseous element
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COAST COMMAND PROTECTS OUR SHIPPING

A NEW PHASE in the work of the R.A.F. coastal commands has been opened now that British shipping is exposed to attack by Nazi medium and long-range bombers from aerodrome bases in occupied France. Squadrons guarding channel and north-western approaches have been strengthened.

Over these areas men of the coastal command keep watch, bomb and fight. Day after day coastal command pilots are out hunting down Folke Wulf Condors, which working from Bordeaux, are able to fly far out on British trade routes and the north-west coast of Ireland. This new challenge is only the last of a series which the coastal command has had to take up.

Attack now makes up for a large part of the work of the command. Night after night mine-laying aircraft go out to make estuaries and ports dangerous for enemy shipping. Another form of hitting back are the torpedo attacks on enemy ships. Coastal command torpedoes have sunk about 50,000 tons of enemy shipping. All in all, pilots and crews of the coastal command are doing one of Britain's biggest war jobs, often in the teeth of wicked weather. They maintain unceasing photographic and reconnaissance patrols to keep an eye on the invasion thermometer from Trondheim and Bordeaux. They help the British Navy to guard convoys bringing food and other sinews of war. They attack enemy submarines whenever periscopes are seen. They bomb enemy coastal bases and attack enemy shipping.

The first change came when the Germans obtained bases in Norway. Then British aircraft on their North Sea sweeps had to fly in the face of high performance fighter aircraft operating from a Norwegian aerodrome. The coastal command shared with the Navy the task of protecting our troopships and convoys bound for Norway. By June, 1940, attacks on aerodromes and harbours in Norway had been added to the work of the coastal command.

Reconnaissance Hudsons were up and bombed and dropped tons of explosives on bases in Stavanger, Bergen and other places. An attack was made on the shipping of food and British aircraft carried out further raids on aerodromes and communications in southern Norway and Denmark.

The evacuation from Dunkirk threw more work on to the shoulders of the coastal command. Aircraft originally intended to guard trade routes were thrown into the vital task of helping to cover the return of B.E.F. returning home. Then a fifth phase came with the Nazi air attacks on British shipping from bases in France.

Complete Air Force

The coastal command is virtually a complete air force in itself. Its five main types of aircraft—general reconnaissance, torpedo bombers, longrange fighters, bombers and photographic reconnaissance. The Dutch naval air services have been helping and Polish and Belgian pilots specially trained in the work of the coastal command. There are also formidable Sunderland squadrons of Royal Australian Air Force which have been operating from Britain for some months. Behind operational groups of command are training groups of the R.A.F. who give British pilots and crews the finest training in the world.

Cooperation With Navy

The coastal command co-operates very closely with the Navy. Each service knows exactly what the other is doing. Throughout each day new information is transmitted to coastal command headquarters and to outlying stations and naval controllers work alongside the operation officers of the R.A.F. Now after seventeen months of war the coastal command has built up an impressive record.

During the first twelve months of the war coastal command aircraft flew 34 and half million miles—more than a thousand times the circumference of the world. From the beginning of the war and from the middle of January onward the command provided air escort for 4,700 convoys. The work meant 16,500 separate flights by aircraft.

During the past six months the average monthly time of flights on convoy duties has been approximately 5,300 hours. On anti-submarine duties as distinct from actual escorts with convoys the monthly average has been in the region of 1,500 hours.

Despite this enormous amount of work command pilots in the past six months have put in a monthly average of 3,200 hours on reconnaissance work. Old enemy submarines of the command have been hunted without respite since the war began. Up to the end of 1940, submarines were sighted on 200 occasions and attacked on 166.

Convoys are guarded from the air by day and by night when there is a moon. On these trips the crew of the Lockheed Hudson, an American-built aircraft and land base plane, may fly 400 miles out in the Atlantic, perhaps never more than 1,500 feet above the sea. The weather may be foul, but the patrol goes on. Though a submarine may never show itself the very presence of aircraft often is enough to protect a convoy.

"Phoney War"

The work of the coastal command was planned, built up in pre-war days so that British sea trade could be safeguarded. But each major change in the war situation, has brought more and more different work. During the first few months of the war, when some people were calling it a "phoney war," the aircraft coastal command flew thousands of miles watching British ocean going and coastal convoys and keeping a lookout for German commerce raiders.

RECTOR ON 43 CHARGES

In a room crowded with many of his parishioners, some of them women, a fifty-year-old Bedfordshire rector faced remarkable accusations regarding his conduct in the parish, including allegations that he had often been under the influence of drink and had accosted women.

The Rev. W. H. Hopkin, Rector of Blunham, Beds, appeared at the St. Albans Consistory Court at Bedford on forty-three charges—seventeen connected with drinking, fifteen alleging that he resorted to taverns and ale houses, and eleven that he accosted females.

After an all-day hearing the court adjourned.

Mr. G. O. Slade, prosecuting on behalf of the Bishop of St. Albans, said that in the temporal court Mr. Hopkin was fined £15 and disqualified from driving for twelve months for being under the influence of drink while in charge of a car.

He wrote to the Bishop tendering his resignation, but had later applied to withdraw it.

Love Declaration

Mrs. Gladys Roberts, school mistress, of Blunham Church School, said that on December 11, 1939, she asked the rector to come to the school to sign the registers.

While he sat at the desk talking to her his words were slurred and she could not understand him.

She did hear him say, however, "I loved you ever since I first saw you." When he got up she noticed that he smelt strongly of alcohol. He put his hand on her back.

Replying to Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Roberts denied that she hated the rector. She neither liked nor disliked him.

Mr. A. E. Eggington, insurance manager, of St. Augustine's Road, Bedford, said Mr. Hopkin accosted him in an inn in 1939. Mr. Hopkin took him by the lapel of his coat and spoke in an excited manner about how he was being double-crossed by his friends.

Other witnesses said they had seen the rector in church apparently affected by drink.

Mr. H. Currant, licensee of The Horseshoes, Blunham, said that Mr. Hopkin patronised his house occasionally. He had come more frequently since his wife's death. He used to come in on about four or five days a week and he would treat the customers.

Mr. Currant said that Mr. Hopkin had seemed a very lonely man during the last few years. He had never seen anything wrong with the rector.

Giant U.S. Bomber Now Being Built

A BIG BOMBER with a range and load-carrying capacity which would enable it to fly across the Atlantic with a heavy cargo of bombs from the United States to Europe and return non-stop has been mentioned by the Chief of the United States Air Corps, General H. H. Arnold, states a message from Washington.

This machine is the Douglas B-19, which is in course of construction at the Douglas aircraft works at Burbank, California.

It is a very large monoplane somewhat on the lines of the Boeing "Flying Fortress." It has a wing span of 120 feet, and when completed will have a gross weight of 70 tons, including a useful load of 28 tons.

Power is derived from four Wright Duplex Cyclone 18-cylinder engines, each developing 2,000 h.p. and driving 16ft. diameter three-blade air-screws. The construction of this machine is of metal throughout, and it will have a tricycle undercarriage, a new feature which is incorporated in the American Boston bomber now being supplied to the R.A.F.

As a bomber the B-19 will carry a crew of ten, and the wireless operator's cabin will be made soundproof to give maximum efficiency in operation. Provision is made for maintenance and repairs to the engines while the aircraft is in flight by gangways inside the wing, and oxygen equipment will be installed for high-altitude flying. The supply will be sufficient for 100 hours.

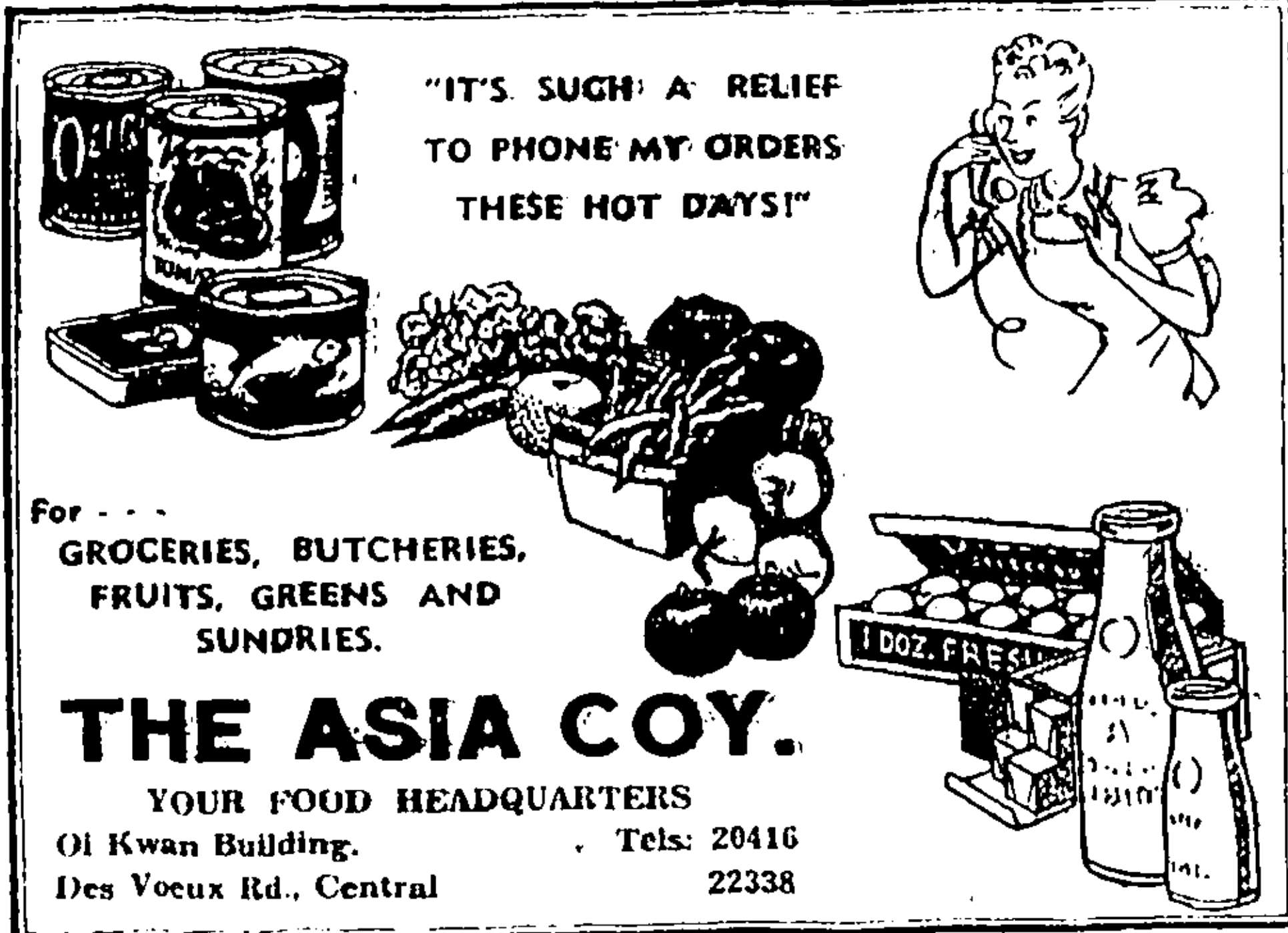
It is calculated that this new Douglas bomber will fly at well over 200 miles an hour and will have a range in excess of 7,000 miles. General Arnold is reported to have said that when employed as a troop-carrier the B-19 could carry 100 men.



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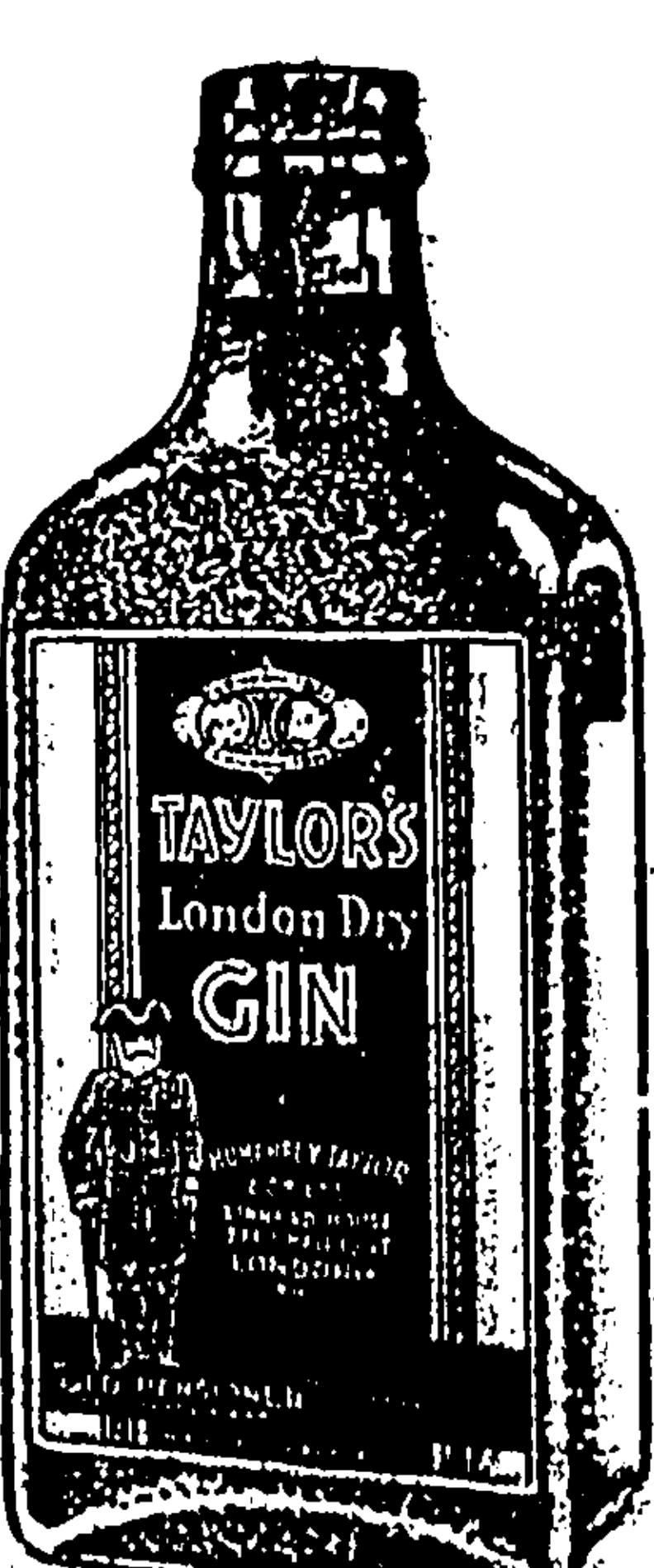
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BALKAN ALARMS

Wisest attitude to adopt regarding developments in the Balkans is to wait upon factual events. In the wealth of rumour, conjecture and guesswork there is so much that is plainly suspect, and more that needs to be accepted with the most cautious reserve. Impulse when the Bulgarian-Turkish declaration was announced was to jump to the conclusion that Turkey had succumbed to outside pressures. On the face of it, there appears to be conflict between Turkish professions and an agreement which would seem to immobilise policy in a Bulgarian crisis which, for the moment, did not directly affect Turkish territory. Britain and Greece have neither of them apparently found anything in the declaration with which to find fault, yet there are disturbing rumours.

For the moment, there is an absence of clue to the real outcome of the diplomatic battle now being waged in the Balkans. Only one thing is patently obvious, that Germany is engaged in an intense war of nerves which may have unfortunate consequences should morale break where it is least desirable.

After the events in Africa, and the powerful resistance of Greece, however, it would be astonishing if awe of the Axis had not substantially diminished.

After the Brenner conference last March, Hitler revealed that he had at his command a military machine of appalling efficiency, and Mussolini, his "good friend," basked in reflected glory. But now Il Duce's attempts to shine of his own light have proved sad failures; his bedraggled banners bear such names as Koritz, Sidi Barrani, Bardia, Benghazi, Taranto and Genoa; his troops, his planes and his ships have been outmanoeuvred and outfought; he has been reduced in a few months from the position of a victorious partner to that of humble suppliant. For his part, Der Fuehrer looks moodily at an England yet unconquered; at

Democracy At Bay: The Lesson Of France

On the morning of June 15, 1940, France was a democracy, a democracy at bay. It had a democratic government, responsible to an elected parliament, and, as its allies and the world thought, that government was fighting a war in defence of France and democracy against two totalitarian Powers. The head of the government, M. Reynaud, had only a few days before proclaimed, apparently with the approval of the representatives of the French people, that France would fight to the end and that, if need be, the government would continue the war from the colonies. On June 16 France ceased to be a democracy or to fight for democracy. M. Reynaud resigned and Marshal Petain, an octogenarian French version of Field-Marshal Hindenburg, formed a government of military men and Right-Wing politicians. An armistice was asked for in such a way that any further resistance was made impossible and France was placed entirely in German power. The obligations of France to her ally were ignored. The terms dictated by Germany and Italy were accepted. The Chamber and Senate were not summoned or consulted and we are now told that the Constitution of France is "revised" — in other words it is made authoritarian. All this has been done by a little group of men into whose hands "power" — the power to obey Germany and coerce France — has slipped by a political transaction conducted in secrecy behind the scenes. Marshal Petain has destroyed French democracy in war in much the same way as Marshal Hindenburg destroyed German democracy in peace.

Democracy, we have said, was at bay in France on June 15; it is at bay to-day in Britain and the British Empire. The vast majority of the people of these islands and of the Empire are, we believe, determined to defend their independence and their political liberties. But so were the vast majority of Frenchmen on June 15, yet on June 17 they were confronted by a *fait accompli*; no one now knows or will ever know what the will of the French people

a grandiose pact "lacing in" Fujiyama that failed even to deflect American policy; at a "new order" in Europe that still will not crystallise.

To recite these difficulties which Axis policy has encountered is not to deny the immense strength which the Axis still can wield. Both Italy and Germany have great power — power that may be exercised in any one of a number of directions with unpredictable results. Nevertheless, the fact remains that there is failure as well as success written down to the Axis account; the aura of inevitability that once seemed to invest every move of the partners has been dispelled. The world has been reminded, particularly by Il Duce, that these two men are but men — and all men are fallible.

was on the Monday when Marshal Petain asked for an armistice, for they had been deprived of the power to resist and of their liberties by an old soldier, a President, and a handful of politicians. These events are a warning to ourselves; we need to consider

By
Leonard Woolf

whether we have adequate defences of democracy, not only against the German armies, but against the kind of internal political transaction which has destroyed it in France.

Internal Defence

The internal defence of democracy depends largely upon free speech and a free press, but also to a great extent upon political methods and constitutional law. It is easy to over-estimate their importance, but it is fatal to under-estimate it. The idea that there is anything new in Nazism or Fascism, as a method of government, is a delusion sedulously encouraged by propaganda. They are the oldest form of tyranny — seizure of power and government by a clique. No democratic institutions or constitution are a 100 per cent. guarantee against a coup d'état or the seizure of power by a clique, a Hitler, a Mussolini, or a Petain, but they are capable of making such a seizure difficult or, if it does take place, precarious. That is why it is essential to keep the fundamental institutions of democratic control working during war, even though they may have certain disadvantages. They are an insurance against the consolidation of arbitrary power after a coup d'état. Organs of popular government have frequently been able to thwart or smother, in its early days, a coup d'état, but once a small group of determined men have consolidated their seizure of power, and abolished the machinery of popular control, it is terribly difficult to unseat them.

The first line of defence against this kind of authoritarian coup is parliament — a popularly elected assembly. It is vital that the House of Commons should under no circumstances be placed, like the French Chamber, in cold storage. Whatever happens it must remain in active session, maintaining the ultimate responsibility of the government to itself. Formally the transaction which led to the transference of power from the Reynaud to the Petain government in France may have been "constitutional," just as was the transaction in Germany between Hindenburg and Hitler. But the consolidation of arbitrary power in the hands of a few men was in both cases made possible only by the previous destruction or immobilisation of all the organs and machinery of democratic or popular control. Democracy and democratic organs of government are no panacea against the political stupidity of the human race; they have their own peculiar defects and disadvantages. War and Nazi propaganda have during the last ten months made the most of those defects and there is among many people at the present time a very bitter feeling against "politicians" who are frequently confused with democracy. These people, often unconsciously influenced by anti-democratic propaganda, do not see that they will not get rid of politicians by getting rid of parliament and democracy. Hitler, Goebbels, Goering, Petain, Baudouin, Laval, Franco and Stalin are just as much politicians as Stresemann, Reynaud, Blum, Churchill and Attlee. They play

the same game, though they play it in a different way. If you have aspirations to form one of the new ruling class or clique, you may perhaps not unnaturally prefer the Nazi rules of the political game and boast of its "efficiency" and achievements in war, conquests, ruin, misery, persecution and injustice; but ordinary persons, whose destiny under these modern despotisms must be that of obedient subjects, a chorus of worshippers, cannon-fodder, or untouchables, will, unless they are imbecile, prefer the evils which they know in democracy and the democratic politician.

Not Only Danger

The immobilisation of parliament is not the only danger of which the Petain peace warns us. We call Britain and France democracies, but the government of both countries has always been imperfectly democratic, and many of the faults and failures ascribed to democracy in them have really been due to the fact that it did not exist. Petain succeeded Reynaud and made an armistice which in fact was a peace. By that action he determined the fate of France, of the French Empire, and of the French people for years, possibly for eternity. The transaction which put him in that position and gave him the appalling power to determine the fate of millions was accomplished in secret by perhaps a dozen known and unknown men. The fact that he had formed a government in this way gave him the right and power to make peace with Germany on any terms which he personally chose to accept.

It is a disquieting fact that, although we call ourselves a democracy, our constitutional system makes it possible for exactly the same thing to happen "constitutionally" in this country. Democratic control and liberties are always precarious if the government or executive are enabled by the political system irresponsibly to initiate a policy of great national importance, to act upon it without mandate, and so to present Parliament and people with a *fait accompli*, with a situation irretrievable when once created. It is, no doubt, essential that a responsible government must be given the power to govern; the danger of getting weak government if the legislature attempts to usurp the function of an executive is insisted upon ad nauseam by practical politicians and political theorists. In practice for a hundred years of European history the danger has been the other way round. In all democracies the difficulty has not been to prevent undue interference with the executive, but to prevent the government contriving to evade all responsibility and control. We are one of the oldest and most stable of the "democracies," yet it is astonishing what powers the British Government possesses or claims to possess. No one, for instance, seemed to think it remarkable the other day when the government offered the Reynaud government what apparently amounted to federal union between Britain and France, and did so without reference to parliament. It is true that we were at war and that the situation was critical. Yet the proposal could easily have been put before parliament in the space of a few hours, and the offer, if it had been made publicly with parliamentary sanction would have been far more impressive and might have had a profound effect in France. But the government preferred to act without reference to parliament and people and considered that it had the constitutional powers so to act, although the offer entailed one of the greatest revolutions in our history.

An Anachronism

The government was probably correct in thinking that it had the power to unite Britain and France without the consent of parliament.

It could have been effected by a treaty between the two countries and such a treaty is made by virtue of the Royal Prerogative without reference to Parliament. The Royal Prerogative is an anachronism which is extremely effective for preventing democratic control. It is particularly dangerous at the present moment, for it is the instrument by which in a crisis a Petain peace could constitutionally be made here against the will both of parliament and people. By virtue of the Royal Prerogative the Crown enjoys the sole right of declaring peace and war and of making treaties. The king acts, of course under our constitution only on the advice of a minister, but, in the case of a treaty or the making of peace, this would be no safeguard in practice of the control of parliament or the people. In a crisis power might pass from the hands of a Reynaud into that of a Petain here just as it did in France without any reference to parliament and the British Petain could, by means of the Royal Prerogative, make peace and a treaty, ignoring the House of Commons. All this would be strictly constitutional.

Attempted Breach

The danger to democracy in this constitutional practice has long been recognised. In 1924, for instance, the Labour Party made a first attempt to make a breach in the system by deciding that all treaties should be laid on the table of the House for 21 days before ratification. It is significant that the new practice was abolished as soon as a Conservative government came into power, and, though again restored by the Labour Party in 1929, it was again abolished by the National government. There is much to be said for the Labour Party's innovation, but something more is required to meet the dangers of the immediate situation. It is essential to abolish the power of a minister to make peace by means of the Royal Prerogative without reference to parliament. This change would require legislation, for it would be necessary to enact, at the least, that the Executive should have no power to conclude an armistice or make peace without a resolution of the House of Commons authorising such action.

It will, of course, be said that this is not the moment for constitutional revision. On the contrary, no time could be more appropriate. We are fighting this war for democracy, and we and democracy are at bay. It has often been proclaimed lately that we must lead a European revolution against authoritarian despotism for the restoration of democratic liberty. Democracy is in its present plight because for years democrats have left the initiative entirely in the hands of their enemies. If we are to beat the Nazis and Fascists, we must show that we mean what we say and have the courage of our democratic convictions. We ourselves and all those who stand with us for liberty will gain strength if we show that even in the present crisis we are determined to strengthen our defences against the new despotism, not only on the sea, on British soil, and in the air, but also in our parliament, our laws, and our constitution.

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CHINESE NAZI PARTY IN N. CHINA

THE STRUGGLE OF Chinese Nazis for control of the north China government is regarded by foreign observers in Peiping as one of the most important current developments in China, and as a potentially troublesome problem for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

German fifth column activity is credited with being a major factor in the recent rise to power of Yin Tung, the youthful and ambitious head of the important general construction office in the Japanese-controlled north China government. Yin Tung had undisguised ambitions to replace Wang I-tang as head of the entire puppet regime.

Already Peiping teams with German officials and big business men, and the German embassy is said to have a larger staff now than when Peiping was China's capital. The German charge d'affaires, Dr. Felix Altenburg, resides here.

An alliance has been formed between the Japanese militarists controlling north China's politics, the Chinese National Socialists headed by Yin Tung, the remainder of the local puppet government, and the Germans who are pulling strings behind the scenes. Indications are that ever since Germany's military successes on the European continent last year, the chiefs of the Chinese National Socialist party have been working hard to effect a German-Chinese union of sorts.

Chungking Movement

In Chungking this movement has failed owing to the strengthening of the ties of Free China with the United States and Great Britain, and also through the impossibility of making peace with Japan through German mediation.

In Peiping, where a Japanese-controlled Chinese administration governs north China, different results have been achieved. Here German agents have succeeded in bringing the Chinese Nazis close to the Japanese military and strengthening the Nazi party's position in the governmental administration.

The Japanese in this combination hope to obtain increased Chinese support as a further weapon against Chungking. The Chinese Nazis seek to gain at least local ascendancy while the other forces of nationalist China are occupied in fighting the Japanese invaders. The north China puppet officials aspire to real control of their areas, while the Germans, it is believed, are hoping for the downfall of both Kuomintang and the Chinese communists, and would like to have their fellow Nazis as leaders of a "New China."

Activity Intensified

In the last few weeks the activities of the Chinese Nazis have intensified in Peiping. Wang Keh-min, former north China govern-

ment leader, joined the party and made a handsome contribution to its coffers. Dr. Kuang Keng-hu, founder of the Chinese Socialist party, promised to join the Chinese Nazis. Mr. Chu Chang-lai, minister of communications in the Nanking puppet government and Nazi party leader there, recently made a long visit to Peiping.

Yin Tung is the front man for the Chinese Nazis in north China. He is the energetic chief of the party and a generous contributor to its treasury. Others in the movement are Wang Shih-ching, north China finance head, and Chow Tso-pen, director of the education department.

President Wang Ching-wei of the Nanking puppet regime is reported to be keeping a close watch on the party's growth, of which he does not wholly approve. But since the Chinese Nazis are against Chiang Kai-shek and the communists, even Wang is said to have contributed to the Nazi funds.

Like Wang Ching-wei, the Japanese senior military officers in the north are said to view the Nazi party activities with some suspicion, although many of the junior officers are giving their active support.

PILLOWS THEIR GIFT TO SHELTERERS

Women of Ilkley (Yorks) are helping their London sisters bomb out of "house and home."

Led by Mrs. Still, wife of the Rev. W. K. Still, a Baptist minister, they have almost completed a self-imposed task of collecting 300 pillows and duplicate sets of covers. When they have finished their task they will start collecting again.

LABELS GOADING NAZIS

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Little bits of paper, popping up in the most unexpected places, are haunting the German invaders of France's big cities.

Adhesive labels bearing the words "On les aura" ("We Shall Get Them") are found on the walls of cafes, on lampposts, railings, trees and hoardings.

People finishing a drink find the little labels sticking to the bottom of their glasses. It is impossible to avoid seeing those three ominous words.

They are even fixed to the trees in the Bois de Boulogne, to the seats in Champs Elysees.

This symbol of the spirit still existing in the heart of every true Frenchman flourishes because hundreds of men and women daily risk the death penalty to print and distribute the labels.

A young Frenchman who has arrived in Britain after an amazing escape from the shadow of the Swastika, tells the story.

He tells of secret printing machines hidden from Nazi police in the basements of unsuspected homes, of how men and women work through the night, knowing that to be caught means death.

Among agents for distribution are housewives and children. "We Shall Get Them" can be seen everywhere.

A PAPER BAG DOES THAT, AND A BOMB—

Pressure on the brain jumps to four times normal when a paper bag is burst, so think what happens when a bomb screams down and then explodes, said Wesley Edwards, industrial psychologist, speaking in San Francisco.

Screaming bombs, the German terror weapon, he described as a scientific application of the nerve-racking noise that is part of everyday life.—Associated Press.

DRIFTED ALONE ON WRECK--IS SAVED

TORPEDOED IN THE Atlantic—his ship went down in less than a minute—a skipper grabbed a piece of wreckage in the darkness and hung on.

For eight hours he clung to the drifting wreckage, waiting for daylight. When dawn broke he found he was the sole survivor out of thirty-six men. Near him, tossing about upside down, was one of the ship's boats. It was his only hope.

To right it was a hopeless job, but he swam across to it and climbed on to the upturned keel.

There he sat, hungry and shivering waiting, hoping, as the boat drifted helplessly far out of sight of land or ship.

For four more hours he drifted along. Then he spotted a plane.

Whether it was British or enemy he did not know, but he must attract its attention. He got to his feet balancing himself precariously as the boat tossed about, threatening to throw him into the sea.

Each time he waved his hands he had to do a balancing trick, but he was lucky; the plane was an Anson of the Coastal Command and it spotted him.

The pilot waved back, banked and flew off to call help. Twenty-four miles away was a warship.

The Anson signalled to the ship,

directed it to the shipwrecked skipper, and hovered overhead until he was rescued.

When he got back to his home in Leeds, the skipper, Captain Whitehead, promptly wrote to the captain of the Anson, thanking him. And to show his gratitude, he sent four cigarette cases, one for each of the Anson's crew.

The pilot, in reply, sent a copy of a photograph taken from the aircraft showing the skipper standing on the upturned boat and waving.

Captain Whitehead wrote:—"A wonderful feeling of security goes through all the chaps in the ship when we see one of you."

One of the victims, Clive Young, of Hull, who was steward, had formerly served in the Newton Beech, which was captured by the Altmark. He was a prisoner in the Altmark till she was boarded by British sailors in Josted Fjord.

NAZIS' VICTIMS GROW RESTIVE

REPORTS OF ever-increasing unrest in Norway and of stirrings in Syria and France come from Correspondents in Helsinki and Stockholm and in messages from Cairo and Vichy.

These messages followed hard on the news that Himmler, head of the Gestapo, worried by incidents in the occupied countries, had called a conference of staff officers in Norway, France and Holland.

Briefly, the reports stated that: In Norway serious disturbances have occurred following an attempt on the life of Quisling.

In Syria enthusiasm for the Allied cause, grown since the Greek successes against the Italians, has brought a fresh appeal from the Governor urging the population to remain loyal to Vichy.

In France the Press has issued warnings against refusal to co-operate with Germany and has indicated that such refusals are becoming more frequent.

Townpeople Fight Quislingites

But the most serious trouble appears to be in Norway where, in the town of Frederikstad, there was street fighting after a bomb had been thrown at Quisling.

According to reports received in Helsinki, Quisling, after addressing a sparse and hostile gathering, was marching through the town with his supporters when the bomb was thrown.

Police reinforcements were called up to save the Norwegian Nazis from the angry crowd.

Later in the day Quisling tried to address a meeting at Sarpsborg. He was bitterly heckled. Hand-to-hand fighting in the streets followed.

When Lunde, Quisling's Minister of Culture, went to address a meeting at Larvik he found the hall empty, but outside was a hostile crowd, and again there was a conflict.

The general situation is alarming and there is a possibility that civil war may break out.

N.Z. COMES THROUGH

IN RESPONSE TO BRITAIN'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCE NEW ZEALAND FARMERS HAVE PRODUCED AN ADDITIONAL 16,000 TONS OF CHEESE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AN EXTRA 10,000 TONS OF BACON. STATES THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING, WITHOUT THE IMPORTATION OF EXTRA FOOD SUPPLIES.

Output of mutton, lamb and beef in New Zealand has been maintained at the highest level. The lambing percentage this year is the best since 1936 and there are 75,000 more lambs this season than last year.

Latest returns indicate an increase in the wool clip.

The New Zealand Minister also says that Maori farmers have responded splendidly to the request for additional crops of maize. — British Wireless.

100 FIRE HEROES KILLED

London's heroic band of wartime firemen recently suffered their hundredth death.

The number of fatalities among volunteers who joined the London Fire Service as auxiliaries now stands at 102 since war broke out. A further 1,000 have been injured.

The casualty list is eloquent testimony of the valiant work performed by the fire service during the Battle of London.

Double Danger

They face a double danger—the peril from fire and the added risk of having to work on targets illuminated for the bombers.

Yet their morale is higher than ever, and nightly they earn the gratitude of the Londoners whom they dare all to protect.

BOMBS SWITCH ON LIGHTS

Electric lights mysteriously springing to life in unoccupied houses during heavy air raids have puzzled police and wardens.

Experts have discovered that the lights were probably switched on by bombs.

Electrical engineers have found that a bomb exploding in the neighbourhood is liable, by shock or vibration, to close an ordinary "tumbler" switch, the type used in most houses, thus putting on the light.

When curtains have not been drawn the result is a sudden display of light through the windows.

Old and faulty switches are especially sensitive to this shock.

Therefore, occupiers, of all kinds of buildings should switch off the light at the main whenever the place is left unattended.

Another point to remember: Whenever the electricity supply falls at a time when electric lights are in use, all switches should be turned off immediately.

The current may be turned on again, putting the lights into operation, when there is no one in the building and when it is not blacked-out.

SIND'S SEVENTH SPITFIRE

The people of Sind have sent the Minister of Aircraft Production a further contribution of £5,000 towards the purchase of a Spitfire to be called "Sind No. 7." Total now received from Sind exceeds £38,000.

With the latest gift of £5,000 the Uganda War Fund has now raised a total of £84,000 for the purchase of a Uganda squadron of fighters.—British Wireless.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN BLACK-OUT

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR of Factories, in his Annual Report just issued, referring to the war as it affected factories and factory workers during the first four months, says: "The irony of the war situation is that while modern housing estates have taken factory workers away from the centre of towns and into better surroundings this has created a traffic problem in the black-out which has led to a prolongation of the working day and workers hours to a very considerable extent."

The transport position was examined and is now being put on a sounder footing through the efforts of the Ministry of Transport and Welfare Officers of the Ministry of Labour.

"I still feel, however, that transport difficulties need the serious attention of all concerned as a vital matter for the preservation of the health and well being of factory workers."

The Chief Inspector also says: "One indication that our nation would not believe war was inevitable is given by fatalities in September, 1939. In spite of warnings by Government little

M. P. WISHES TO ALLAY NAZI PRISONERS' FEARS

On a number of occasions captured Nazi pilots have said they expected to be shot or poisoned.

Mr. R. R. Stokes (Soc., Ipswich) is to suggest in Parliament that, to induce pilots to surrender more easily, Britain should broadcast regularly in German that Nazi prisoners will be treated in accordance with the Hague Convention.

GIRLS PUT TAXI-MEN TO SHAME

Liverpool taxi-drivers who charge Service men and officers double fares during night Alerts are attacked in a bulletin issued by the local Council of Social Servitors.

Their conduct is contrasted with the heroism of girls in the women's services who have volunteered to drive staff cars, lorries and ambulances through the worst raids.

Until recently Liverpool was the most heavily bombed area outside London, yet women drivers earned the admiration of the city by the daring way they carried on when high explosives were dropping in the district.

"It Is A Ramp"

Mr. C. H. Jackson, secretary of the Council of Social Servitors, told a reporter: "You can take it from me that we are bringing the problem to the proper authorities. It is a ramp which must be stopped."

"We do not expect taxi drivers to risk their necks in heavy raids, but frequently during night Alerts there is not even gunfire."

"Why should the girls in the Services be the only ones with the courage to carry on?"

It is often impossible to get a taxi home during night Alerts, and instances of overcharging are numerous.

CLASSES IN SHELTER

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th. February, 1941.

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CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 31

"Who is the criminal, North or South?" inquires an anguished reader. "North claims that South should bid the Slam because of the heart void; South thinks he was rather bold as it was. What do you think?"

East, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ A K Q 3	♥ 10 5	♦ A K Q 10 5 4	♣ 7
♠ 6	♥ J 9 8 7	♦ 4 3	♣ J 10 9 8 7 4 2
♠ J 9 8 7	♥ 4 3	♦ 7 6 3	♣ K 10 6
♠ K 10 6	♥ J 5 3	♦ J 5 3	♣ —

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dbl.
4♥	4♠	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	5♠
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

We think that it's a very close and, in one respect, a very curious question. If the Slam is to be bid at all, we think that North must extend the invitation. He knows that South cannot have better than Jacks in either spades, or diamonds, and should make it possible for South to bid the Slam if he has either Ace or void in hearts or clubs. But surely South cannot be expected to take further action when North passes the four-spade bid and when East doubles five spades!

The curious feature of the hand is that the finger of suspicion has not even been lifted to point at the real criminal. Look at the hand again and decide for yourself who the real criminal was.

West was the criminal, and he committed three crimes! To begin with, he should have jumped to four hearts at his first chance to bid. His hand was pretty fair in support of a heart contract but defenceless against any other; and the jump might have given the opponents a little trouble. Having failed to jump, he should have rebid at each of his other two chances. A non-vulnerable heart contract could not be severely punished — even if East and West had to sacrifice at seven hearts — and would have been excellent insurance against a vul-

DEFEAT TALK COST HIM £25

A man alleged to have said: "We stand little chance of winning," was at Hendon fined £25, to be paid immediately, or one month's imprisonment.

He was Lawrence James Lester, aged thirty-seven, described as a fitter, of Tottenham Court Road, accused of publishing a statement on the war likely to cause alarm or despondency.

Mr. J. S. Williams, prosecuting, said that in an air-raid shelter at his works Lester said: "The war is a racket brought about by the politicians."

Richard James Collett, another employee, said Lester stated that he knew Mr. Chamberlain had £7,000,000 or £8,000,000 invested in several Jewish firms which were on Government work, and therefore he was running the war for his own personal gain.

Lester also said that before long the working-man would receive no wages but only tickets for food and rent.

At one time, added Collett, it looked as if Lester would be handled.

Lester denied making the statement about Mr. Chamberlain.

nerable game or a vulnerable Slam.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 4 3
♥ 8
♦ A J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Schenken
1♥	Dbl.	1NT	2♠
Pass	(7)		

ANSWER: Pass. It's true that your partner's free bid shows strength, but it's equally unlikely that there is a game in the hand. Your partner has named your worst suit — a minor suit, to make matters worse. If game were likely, your partner would have been able to jump in clubs, or bid spades or double.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for two diamonds, 40% for three clubs, 30% for two spades.

Question No. 645

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold the same hand once again. But the bidding is:

Jacoby	You	Maier	Burnstone
1♥	Dbl.	1NT	2♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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Billy the Warden, they call him. He is only four, but when the warning goes he marshals all the other little boys and girls to the shelter and keeps them happy through raids, playing games and singing.

"I don't know what I should do without him," says the matron of the Wick House Toddlers' Home, Bristol.

As his lieutenant Billy has appointed Black Duggie, a little Negro boy, and together they distribute sweets to the twenty-five other children.

Billy proves that there's plenty you can do even if you are small. Miss Jane Brisland, of Heber Road, Bristol, proves you can do a lot, even if you are eighty.

174 Knit For Her

Before the war she was the West of England organiser of the National Spinners' Association. Now she has 170 women and four men knitting for her.

In twelve months they have turned out 4,341 articles—pull-overs, cardigans, gloves and so on—for every branch of the services, and for the Red Cross.

Older than Billy, but angry because the authorities think he is not old enough to do the work he has carried on for several months is Ralph Priddy, aged thirteen.

He joined up as an A.R.P. messenger boy and for months he got off school early, turned out at all hours and rode on his bicycle through the darkness from one post to another. Then they found he was three years under the regulation age, so they sacked him.

But he wasn't discouraged. He heard there were eighty tons of potatoes to be picked on an estate near the school, so he volunteered to help get them in.

SHELTER CONDUCT

Objectionable conduct in air-raid shelters will shortly be made an offence for which the offender can be ejected and made liable to a penalty.

This is disclosed in a reply which Sir Leonard Lyle, M. P. for Bournemouth, has received from Miss Ellen Wilkinson, to a letter he wrote calling attention to certain conduct in shelters.

Miss Wilkinson said the matter had been receiving careful attention, and the Ministry of Home Security proposed shortly to issue new rules.

Sir Leonard had raised the position of the owner of a private shelter to which the public were admitted, and who apparently had no right of control, or to call in the police.



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By A Special Correspondent

EVE ARMSDEN, tall, willowy blonde, speciality dancer in Maurice Winnick's show "Dorchester Folies," danced on to the stage at Plymouth, her bruises covered with make-up, and the memory of a man dying in her arms in her mind.

She had been in the London-Plymouth rail crash at Taunton—a crash which took the life of the company's manager. He was among the twenty-eight killed.

With other members of the company she travelled down from London overnight.

The crash and resulting rail confusion split the company so much that ten minutes before the curtain was due up only half the company had arrived, and cancellation orders were printed.

Dancers, bandsmen, singers arrived by car—some had been given lifts in Army lorries—and they went on without rehearsal.

Eve Armsden, who was in a front coach of the smashed train, although cut and bruised, nursed a badly injured seaman who died in her arms before rescue parties reached them.

Then, with a torch in her hand, she helped in the rescue work.

Maurice Winnick himself owes his life to the fact that he did an extra show—a concert as a favour which left him barely time to catch the train.

"But for the concert I would have been in a reserved compartment in the coach smashed to matchwood," he told me.

DRESS PLAN FOR SHELTER

Creased suits, crumpled blouses and ill-polished shoes are the main shelter worries of hundreds of girls and young men who spend their nights in City basements and staff refuges.

Lighting, ventilation and sanitation problems do not arise in these well-equipped shelters, but the difficulty of keeping up appearances is urgent when your job depends on it.

This new slant on the shelter question was raised when Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, called a conference of social welfare authorities to discuss shelter problems.

Something on the lines of the American "dressing" service was put forward as the answer. It was suggested that voluntary organisations might open centres where office workers could have a bath while their clothes were pressed and their shoes polished.

Miss Dorothy Peto, superintendent of women police, urged that younger shelter marshals should be trained. She was struck by the efficiency of the fine young types helping in the tubes. Their influence is better than that of some older people, who are rather of the sergeant-major type.

Women police favoured mixed society in the early part of the evening and segregation later on.

Why Not Hammock?

Other points discussed were the need for smaller groups of shelterers to encourage community life; the merits of hammocks, which take up less room than bunks; and the possibility of making more use of the services of "bombed-out" persons of the right type.

A private conference of Ministry officials will meet soon to consider the views expressed.

Miss Wilkinson said the delay in deciding on the ticket scheme for tube shelterers had been due to the question: Should tickets go to ratepayers in the districts concerned or to tube users from outside.

It had now been decided to issue tickets to those recognised as habitually using a particular tube. As vacancies occur, preference will be given to local ratepayers.

In the past two months 502 additional shelters accommodating 100,000 people have been provided in the London area.

SHELTER PASTILLES

Antiseptic pastilles are to be supplied free in public air-raid shelters throughout the country.

This was announced by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, in the House of Commons. Mr. MacDonald was asked if authorisation would be given to occupiers or landlords of bombed dwellings to spend £5 or £10 on urgent repairs, such as blocking windows or covering roofs pending sanction of proper repairs by local authorities.

He replied that such an arrangement would lead to greater competition for the services of local builders and would be likely to lead to a net delay in the work done.

Remove Furniture

Mr. MacDonald said that provided the collapse of structure was not likely to occur and attempts at salvage did not hinder the civil defence services a person whose house had been damaged by air raids was at liberty to remove his furniture.

Sir Thomas Moore: There is no danger of a man being charged under the existing law of looting?

Mr. MacDonald: No, provided the conditions I have given regarding safety are satisfied.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security, in a written reply stated that it is intended to incorporate damp courses in the new design of shelter which will be introduced soon.

Mr. Morrison said that contingents of the A.M.P.C. now totalling about 6,800 had already been drafted into the London region for work on the clearance of debris.

The military authorities had undertaken to supply a further 3,200 in the near future.

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It is hoped to attract some good work, and an exhibition of selected prints will be held in Hong Kong from December 1st to 7th, 1941, inclusive.

The closing date for the receipt of entries is November 1, 1941. Intending exhibitors are limited to not more than four prints per person, and the entrance fee for any number of prints up to four is 5s., \$1 Gold, or HK\$4.

Prints will be returned within a week of the closing of the exhibition, and entry forms may be received on application to the Hon. Salon Secretary, Room 117, Prince's Building, Hong Kong.

WORKERS DEFYING RAIDS

"The workers are standing up magnificently to the bombing attacks," said Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, in replying to Mr. Craven-Ellis (Nat., Southampton) in the House of Commons.

Mr. Craven-Ellis had asked if Mr. Bevin was aware that the workers in many firms were seeking shelter on the sounding of the Alert, and whether he would announce that those who sought shelter before the "imminent danger" notice would not be in receipt of pay.

Mr. Bevin replied: "I am happy to say that the enemy is not succeeding in his efforts, as Mr. Craven-Ellis suggests."

The arrangements with regard to pay were fixed by industry itself, and he saw no grounds for interference.

In another reply, Mr. Bevin said he did not propose to encourage seven-day working, because it reduced output and caused an increase in absenteeism in the long run.

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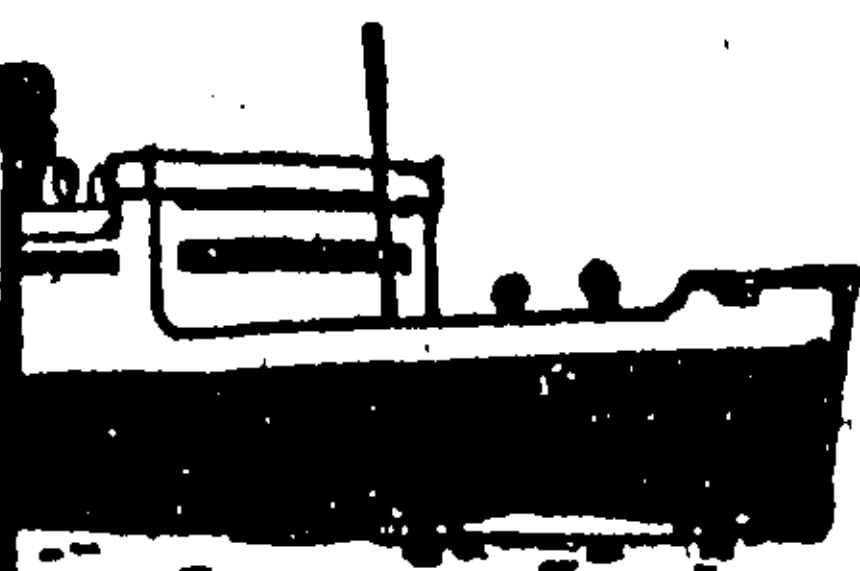
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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Hylton
and His Orchestra

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Elgar—Cockaigne Concert
Overture, Op. 40. The B.B.C. Sym-
phony Orchestra conducted by Sir
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6.47 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson
(Bass-Baritone).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Newsletter
by O. M. Green.

7.30 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano)
playing some Chopin Mazurkas.

7.43 p.m.—A Short Violin Recital by
Joseph Szigeti.

8.03 p.m.—Billy Russell, Gracie Fields
and Vic Oliver in Variety.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Theatre-
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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of
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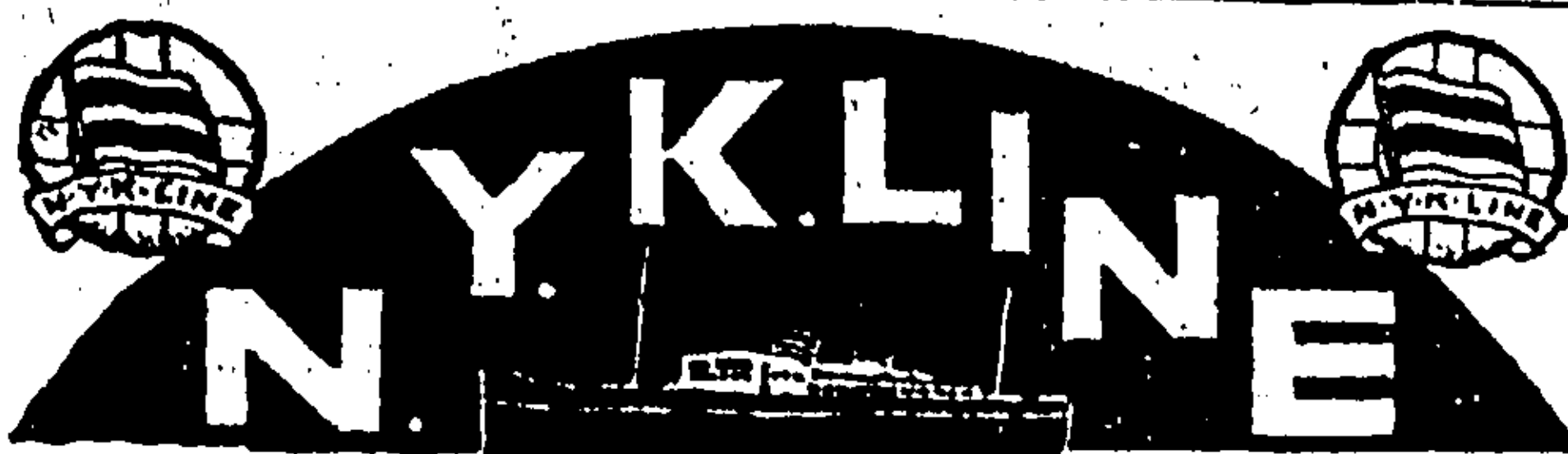
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MANHATTAN FAVOURED FOR THE ROOTY-HILL DERBY

Prospects For Third Day Of Annual Mtg. Discussed

By "Rapier"

WEATHER PERMITTING, THE THIRD-DAY PROGRAMME OF THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING WILL BE HELD TO-MORROW. OWING TO THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF THE COURSE, WHICH WAS VERY BADLY AFFECTED BY THE HEAVY RAIN WHICH FELL THROUGHOUT TUESDAY AFTERNOON THE STEWARDS ACTED VERY WISELY IN POSTPONING THE MEETING.

The track is certain to be on the slippery side to-morrow, and it is to be hoped that no further accidents will mar the remainder of the meeting.

There are 12 events on the programme, most important of which is the Rooty-Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup. Interest in this particular race has taken on phenomenal proportions due to the heavy demand for tickets in the Dollar Sweep.

RACE NO. 1. ALBURY STAKES. 1 1/4 MILES

This race is confined to Australian subs. of 1941, weight for inches as per scale; winners barred. The following will probably do well if started:

Bugle (Mr. Wei),
Black Seal (Mr. Chao),
King's Flight (Mr. Needa),
Newborn Star.

On the strength of its second placing to Dutch Treat in the Garrison Cup over the two mile post distance by a short head, I think Black Seal should win.

There is also King's Flight to be considered as it ran very well to come in second to Santa-Anita in the Lusitano Cup over the same distance. Bugle was third in the same race with Black Seal, and it should fight out the minor place with Newborn Star.

RACE NO. 2. RACING STAKES. ONE MILE

Griffins of this meeting will clash here with winners barred. Despite its disappointing run in the Hong Kong Derby, I am of the opinion that Charlesber (Mr. Chao) will redeem itself by winning this race, although Glossy-light (Mr. Moller) should offer some opposition. World Fair View should not do better than finish third.

RACE NO. 3. CHATER CUP. ABOUT HALF MILE. 170 YARDS

After its brilliant win in the Austral Derby, I cannot see anything here to beat Distant View, which should have little difficulty in accounting for this race. For the second place a good tussle should be witnessed between Vis Major (Mr. Sokoloff) and Marsh Warbler (Mr. Black).

RACE NO. 4. VICTORIA STAKES. ONE MILE

This is a handicap race for China ponies and, judging from the entries, the finish should again be fought out between Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) and Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa). I understand that Burford, the holder of the record for this distance, and O-Lan, the winner in record time of the Challenge Cup (1-3/4), will be reserved for the Champions Stakes, to be run on

Monday. For the third place I like the chances of Spicelight (Mr. Moller).

RACE NO. 5. CANBELEGO HANDICAP. ONE MILE

"C" Class, Australian ponies will figure in this race and judging from past performances, I have no hesitation in nominating Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) to win, as the pony is at the moment in fine condition. It is likely to meet with opposition from Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne) and Cheerful Star, however. There is also Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) to be considered.

RACE NO. 6. ROYAL NAVY CUP. ABOUT ONE MILE. 171 YARDS

Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 will contest this race with the proviso that the winner of the Garrison Cup is barred and the winner of the Governor's Cup will have to carry another 7 lb.

If its owner decides to send it out here, United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), the Governor's Cup winner, will probably account for this race but it should meet with strong opposition from Santa-Anita (Mr. Lang), the winner of the Lusitano Cup over the Champions distance.

National Welfare (Mr. Tao), the winner of the Sydney Maiden Stakes (third section) should have no difficulty in securing third place.

RACE NO. 7. CHEFOO HANDICAP. ABOUT ONE MILE. 171 YARDS

This event is for "D" Class, China ponies and judging from its win in the Amoy Handicap for novice jockeys over six furlongs, I cannot see anything here to beat Eve of Peace (Mr. Davis) as it is much better than any entry. The second and third places will probably be fought out between Royal Wedding Eve and Sylvandale (Mr. Tao).

This is the first leg of the "DAILY DOUBLE"

RACE NO. 8. ROOTY-HILL DERBY AND SPORTS CLUB CUP. 1 1/2 MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon on which the big \$1-00 Cash Sweep will depend. The following will probably start:

Amulet Star,
Bendemeer (Mr. Needa),
Dutch Treat (Mr. P. P. Botelho),
Endeavour (Mr. Wei),
Jus Gentium (Mr. Sokoloff),
Manhattan (Mr. Hearne),
Moonlight (Mr. Noodt),
Vitamin M. (Mr. Black).

Amulet Star won the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Second section) over six furlongs; Bendemeer won the Perth Plate (Second section), half mile; Dutch Treat won the Garrison Cup over the two mile post; Endeavour and Jus Gentium were third and second respectively to Manhattan in the Australian Valley Stakes over the mile; Moonlight won the Perth Plate (First-Section) half a mile, and Vitamin M. was third in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Third section) over six furlongs.

Taking their merits one by one I should not be far wrong in stating that Manhattan stands the best chance of winning here, although there are many who still believe that Endeavour is the potential winner.

Good as this pony is over this distance, however, I think it will again have to bow to Manhattan.

Of the above ponies Vitamin M. should not be disregarded as it was badly left at the start when it lost to National Welfare, and I expect it to be well up at the finish.

My choice of the first three are Manhattan, Endeavour and Vitamin M.

RACE NO. 9. KARA KARA HANDICAP. SIX FURLONGS

Australian subscription ponies of previous seasons, with the proviso that winners at this meeting are barred, will try conclusions.

Far View (Mr. Pih), which was second to Sapper in the Coral Handicap over the mile, has been given top-weight of 159 lb. but I think it should win, with Viceroy second and Australian Diamond third.

RACE NO. 10. AUSTRAL RACING STAKES. 1 1/4 MILES

Australian ponies, griffins of this meeting, will figure in this race over the Champions distance with winners barred.

Oracle (Mr. Needa), which was second in the Austral Derby, should stand the best chance of winning, but it will have to be at its best to stave off the challenge of First Love, the third pony in the Derby, and Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao), which was a disappointment in the above race.

I think, however, that it will probably redeem itself to-morrow.

RACE NO. 11. HOPEFUL STAKES. ABOUT ONE MILE. 171 YARDS

China griffins of this meeting will again meet here with winners carrying 7 lb. penalty.

Oolong (Mr. Needa) should walk away with this race if it is sent out as the opposition does not appear strong enough to upset it, while Velvetlight (Mr. Moller) should again take second place, with Eve of Grandeur (Mr. Davis) third.

RACE NO. 12. SANDRINGHAM PLATE. SIX FURLONGS

The last race of the day is confined to Australian subs of 1941, with winners barred.

Judging from its performance against Amulet Star in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Second Section) I should not be far wrong in naming A Surprising Time (Mr. Noodt) as the winner of this event. Strong opposition, however, should



P. & L.'s First Love (Mr. Liang up) being led in after its lucky win in the Austral Trial Plate on Monday. Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao up) was winning when Mr. Chao became unseated and fell over the rails. First Love paid \$32.60 on the pari-mutuel.

come from Fresh Air (Mr. Ip Kui-ying) if it does not again bore out in rounding the bend for home.

There is also Bona Vacantia (Mr. Sokoloff) to be reckoned with as it was second to Moonlight in the Perth Plate (First Section).

A Surprising Time, however, should win, with Fresh Air second and Bona Vacantia third.

H.K.C.C. TEAM

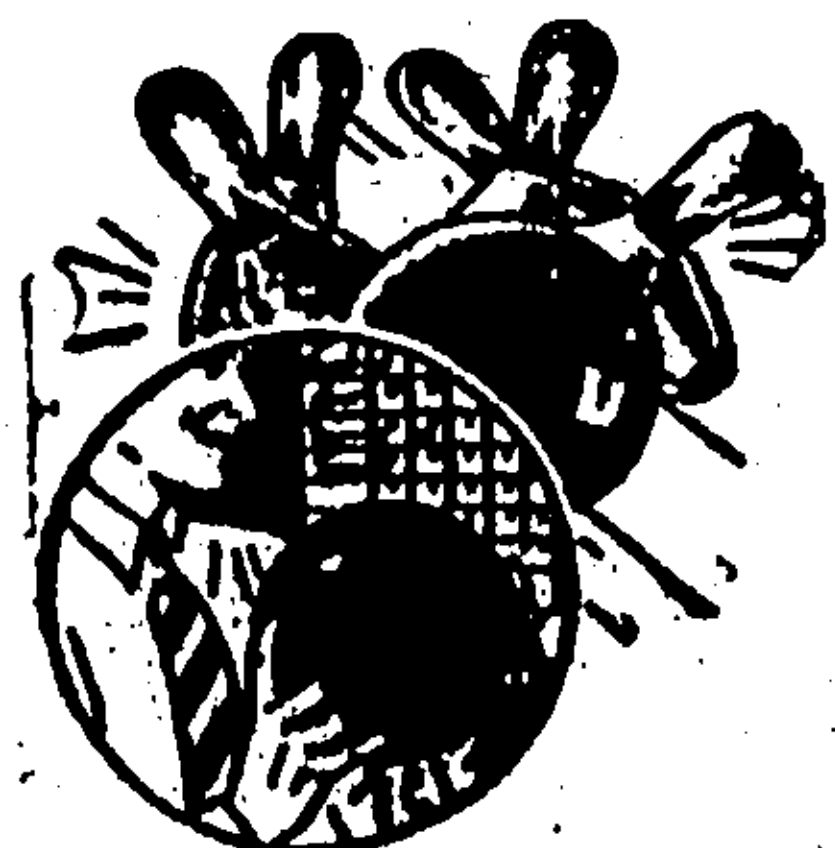
The following will represent H.K.C.C. "A" v Club de Recreio 2nd XI at H.K.C.C. to-morrow:—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D.

CRATERS IN ALLOTMENTS

Allotment holders in a London area have bomb craters in their plots, and one man applied to the local council for a reduction of his allotment rent, pointing out that his potato crop was ruined.

The Council refused the application. Other allotment holders who regarded it as a test case are considering an appeal to the Ministry of Agriculture.

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BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading Badminton League pairings:—

"A" Division

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Chee and C. K. Lee (University "A")	12	0	12
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	9	0	9
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	6	1	5
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	9	4	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
J. J. Ramadiao and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	12	8	4
C. K. Lee and S. L. Yong (University "B")	3	0	3
M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (University "A")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	12	9	3
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	12	9	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	2	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplavahar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1	2
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	4	2
J. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	12	10	2

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	18	2	16
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	18	4	14
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	15	0	15
S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell (King's)	12	0	12
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	12	0	12
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	12	2	10
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	18	9	9
W. H. Choy and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah)	9	1	8
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	12	4	8
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	15	7	8
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	12	5	7
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	12	5	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	15	8	7
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	15	8	7
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	9	3	6
J. Odell and M. Tahan (J.R.C.)	9	3	6
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	12	6	6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
A. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	18	13	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	3
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0	3
E. Zimmerman and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
W. Lawrence and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	6	3	3
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmerman (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	3	3
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
K. L. Lui and J. Pui (King's)	3	1	2
K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	1	2
N. Whitley and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	3
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	9	7	2
A. Baep and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	12	10	2

Army In Sore Need Of A Good Centre-Forward

Fox Needs Rest; Pearson And Pelham Possibles

By "Squaddy"

AT Happy Valley on Monday, in the Colony seven-a-side Rugby tournament, four Army sevens registered wins.

Royal Scots were unable to make an appearance owing to Military duties.

Middlesex Regiment defeated Tamar and Small Ships by seven points to five, after having a seven-point lead at the interval. Capt. Mar. scored a magnificent drop goal which was considered the best feat of the day, and Pte. Berry scored a try which was not converted.

Combined Small Units "A" beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. "B" by nine points to nil, with Sig. Pratt scoring two tries and Pte. Macdonald one.

The 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. "A", who will want a lot of watching in this tournament, easily accounted for Jardine's by winning 11 points to nil. L/Bdr. Richards scored two tries in the first half. Sgt. Marsh converting one and giving them an eight point lead. Capt. Skipwith scored a try in the second half which Sgt. Marsh failed to convert.

Engineers beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A. "A" by 13 points to 3.

Engineers were superior in all divisions of the game, and Cpl. Birrell played excellently, scoring two tries which he also converted. Cpl. Picton scored the Sappers' other try. Gun. Giblin scored for the Gunners.

In the second round of this tournament the only two Army teams successful on Wednesday were Royal Engineers and Combined Small Units, who defeated 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. "B" and 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. "A" respectively, with the Combined Small Units having to play extra time to win.

There was not much in either game, both matches being decided by one goal, and one try respectively.

Engineers again have Cpl. Birrell and Cpl. Foley to thank for their hard and accurate kicking. Sgt. Davis scored the Sappers' try which Cpl. Birrell converted from 40 yards out with a magnificent kick.

The Combined Small Units and the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A. "A" were evenly matched and full time came with neither side having the upper hand.

Extra time was played with the Small Units scoring through Wigglesworth in the first few seconds of this period.

Middlesex were no match for the Strong Club "A", who defeated them easily by 13 points to nil.

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Owing to rain, only one game was played in the Large Units Rugby League at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, between Royal Engineers and Middlesex Regiment, Sappers winning by the only try of the game.

Both sides were well matched and found it difficult to handle the ball on such a wet ground.

The Sappers were better than their opponents in handling, especially their outside men, but the Middlesex forwards were better in the tight.

Sappers have not yet lost in this League.

The following is the League table to date:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R. Engineers	3	3	0	0	6
R. Artillery	3	2	0	1	4
R. Scots	2	1	0	1	2
Middlesex	3	1	0	2	2
C.S. Units	3	0	0	3	0

SNOOKER

IN the Garrison Snooker League the Medical Corps are still leading with the Engineers "A" close on their heels. Both have played five games, won two and drawn three, but the Medicals have won more frames than the Engineers which gives them the three-point lead.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	5	2	0	3	21
R.E. "A"	5	2	0	3	18
R.E. Sgts.	5	2	1	2	17
R.A. Sgts.	5	1	0	4	16
C.M. Police	5	1	0	4	16
Signals Cpls.	5	1	2	2	13
R.A.P.C.	5	1	2	2	12
Signals	5	0	5	0	7

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

THE Army did not play up to expectations in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup match against the Civilians last Sunday, and this was mainly due to the bad and poor shooting ability of their forwards. The Army Selection Committee are meeting on Saturday to discuss and select their team for the next Kotewall Cup match against the Chinese or Navy.

They are at present badly in need of a centre-forward as Fox of the Royal Engineers is much off form at the moment and could do with a well earned rest.

Pearson of the Middlesex Regiment, who played an excellent game against Sing Tao last week, might be considered for this position, as he has now found his old form. In representative matches, however, he does not seem to shine.

Pellham of the Engineers is another candidate for the centre berth, and has done very well for the Sappers this season and has assisted them in reaching the top. The Army's defence need not be

changed, as they have one of the strongest in the Colony, although beaten five times on Sunday.

Sgt. Owens and S/Sgt. Duffield, the wingers, were not given the same opportunities as they had in the semi-final against the Chinese, and if they had been given more passes they might have made good use of them. Both these players are faster than the average footballer, and, with their fine centres, either could make a centre-forward.

It is hoped that the Army team will be able to prove that they are capable of scoring in their next match.

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In the re-play of the first round of the Junior Shield, Royal Corps Signals knocked out 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. by the odd goal in five at Happy Valley on Wednesday.

Sgt. Brackenbury scored twice for the Signals and Bundy once. Flanders and Casey scored for the Gunners.

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WATER-POLO

TO-NIGHT at the Y.M.C.A. the Middlesex will play the European Y.M.C.A. team at 7.15 p.m.

HOCKEY

No Ladies' League This Season

A DECISION TO LET the Caer Clark Cup competition lapse this year but to continue the seven-a-side tournament as usual was reached at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association held at Gloucester Hotel yesterday.

The Acting President, Miss E. M. Gray, presided, assisted by Mrs. I. Joyce.

In presenting the annual report Miss Gray expressed her gratefulness to Mrs. O. Burnett and Mrs. I. Joyce for drawing up the report.

At the suggestion of Miss Gray the election of the President was left vacant for the duration until more normal times. Miss Gray was unanimously elected Vice-President while Miss R. Smith was elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The following were elected to the Council:—Miss M. Ramadiao and Miss A. Alves (Recreio), Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss M. McCaw ("Y"), Miss M. Smalley and Miss

M. Booker (H.K. Ladies), Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White (St. Andrew's), Miss E. Churn and Miss V. Jex (D.G.S.), Mrs. C. Figueiredo and Miss M. Maxwell (Argonauts), Mrs. Joyce and Miss Baxter (C.B.A.).

Bomber Fund

A proposal by Mrs. Joyce to make a donation to the Bomber Fund was unanimously adopted by the meeting and the initial sum of \$400 was decided upon. It was decided to turn this year's seven-a-side tournament to the benefit of a similar cause and Miss Gray expressed a hope for more hearty response from the public. After discussion, this question was left to the Council.

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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

BY "STRIKE"

There has been some first class Ten Pin Bowling recently in the Alleys. On February 13, Corp. Watts of the Royal Corps of Signals scored a brilliant 258, almost equalling the record score of 278 he set up last February.

Commencing with a spare in his first frame, Watts then bagged seven strikes in a row followed by a spare, a strike, and a spare with the two extra balls.

It was a brilliant effort indeed and if he had made a strike in the ninth frame, instead of a spare he would have equalled his 278.

Ernie Hearther also put up some good Ten Pin scores on February 14, when in a series of eight games he made, 226, 184, 204, 202, 200, 212, 211, 203, or 1643 with an average of 205.4 pins per game. This is good, consistent bowling and will take some beating.

The second round in the Singles Handicap Competition has been completed, and the third round is due to be finished by February 21.

Close Finishes

In the final stages of the second round there were some very close and interesting finishes.

In match between H. B. Neale (146) and E. H. Brazel (146) on February 7, Brazel won by the narrow margin of 22 pins.

Brazel started off with a good 169, but Neale only managed a poor 117.

C. E. Vaughan (Mindanao) played Signalman G. Birkett of Royal Corps of Signals in the second round, also on the same day. The game resulted in a win for the former by 57 pins.

Vaughan's handicap was plus 40, and Birkett's plus 30, so Birkett was conceding 10 pins per game or 30 pins for the three games played. The scores were, Vaughan 454 and Birkett 397.

Another Near Thing

Another interesting and very close match (also in the second round) was played the same day between Signalman A. Cleggett of Royal Corps of Signals and Cpl. W. Wathen of the same company. This resulted in a win for the former player by eight pins.

Cleggett's handicap was plus 28 and Wathen's plus 36.

Cleggett's useful 220 in his third game no doubt gave him the match, because Wathen was actually ahead by 17 pins (including his handicap) after the second game. Both finished up strongly in the last game but it was anyone's game up to the very last roll!

C. M. Williams met and defeated T. A. Slater on February 11, by 49 pins. Williams' handicap was plus 36 and Slater's plus 42. Williams scored 454 and Slater 405.

Slater is better at Duck Pins and I did not expect him to win. There was a very interesting match on February 12—the last match in the second round—Ernie Hearther (316) and Bdr. Pidgeon of Royal Artillery, who was plus 50. Hearther had to concede the formidable figure of 120 pins for the three games, but after a hard tussle he won by 31 pins, the scores 584 to 553. Hearther scored in his first game, but I cannot help thinking that if Pidgeon had played his usual game he might have beaten his more experienced opponent.

Third Round Matches

The first match in the third round was played off on February 12 between Corp. H. Watts and C. E. Vaughan of the U.S.S. Mindanao. Watts' handicap was plus 20, and Vaughan's plus 40. The former won by 54 pins, the score being 511 to 457 in his favour.

Watts' average worked out at 160 pins per game which is lower than usual, but it was enough to pull him through comfortably. Vaughan bowled below form. He started off with a good 167 pins but made a very poor 104 in his second game, and 126 in the third game his average, including his handicap, worked out at 152 pins per game.

BASKETBALL TOURISTS TO PLAY TO-MORROW

THE 20TH Century Fox Film basketball team, fresh from a successful tour of the Philippine Islands, are due to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow morning.

They are scheduled to play in the evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges St., against an All-Star Hong Kong quintette, composed of the leading players now in the Colony from Shanghai and Canton, as well as the local stars.

The proceeds of this match will be donated to the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association and to the British Bomber Fund.

A programme of entertainment has been arranged for the visitors during their short stay here.

The visiting Californians, who won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, are all former American College stars and are considered to be standard exponents of the cage game.

A Lecture

A lecture on the intricacies of modern basketball will be given by Capt. Knowles, who was a member of the American Olympic team that won the world's title at Berlin in 1936, and one or two other members of the team at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. auditorium at Bridges St. at 3.45 p.m. to-morrow afternoon. This talk will be free to the public.

A snappy girls' preliminary game has been arranged between a Kowloon girl's team and a Hong Kong all-star quintette. This game will start at 7.30 p.m.

Bill Woo, coach of the champion South China A.A. cage team, has

been chosen by the committee to handle the Colony's all-stars and the following players have been selected:—

Siew Kit-man (Capt.), Sek Chen-tack, Cheung Yuk-kwan, Cheng Choi-sun and Sek Chen-chee (South China A.A.); Leung Kok-dock, Poon Yu-kwan, Lo Chen-hoon, Lee Pul-chick and Tai Fook-zhing (Sing Tao); Luk Tack-chiang (Chinese Y.M.C.A.); Chan Siu-look and Chan Sin-kao (Kuo Min University); Ng Ching-chu (Canton University); Hyui Man-fui (Eastern Athletic Association).

—Contributed.

TEAM NOT SUPPORTED IN MANILA

The American Chamber of Commerce has appealed to its members to turn out and lend moral support to the 20th Century Fox basketball team from the Pacific coast during their series with local teams, according to the "Manila Bulletin". Attention of the Chamber was called by one of the members to the poor support being given by Americans to the visiting American team so a circular has been sent out to members urging them to lend their moral support to the team.

CHESS

KARPOVICH'S FIRST SETBACK

L. Karpovich suffered his first setback in the Colony Chess championship last night when he was held to a draw by K. Weiss.

The game started at 6 p.m. and was completed at 2.15 a.m., continuing without a break for 8 hours and 15 minutes. Weiss managed a deadlock with his opponent on the board, though a piece down.

No amount of clever manoeuvring by Karpovich could make any difference to the situation, although he attempted to break through on the sacrifice of a piece for a pawn in an end game of Bishops of different colours.

Weiss, having White, opened with Queen's pawn, Karpovich replying irregularly and the game progressing through irregular channels.

OTHER MATCHES

C. M. Sequeira beat D. E. de Carvalho in the sixth round of the Colony Chess Championship played at the Peninsula Hotel last night. Sequeira played the Reti opening, an irregular reply by Carvalho evolving into a king's fianchetto. Spectacular play by Sequeira late in the match, when

he risked the temporary sacrifice of a rook, placed him in a strong attacking position and enabled him to win after 39 moves.

Junior Upsets

Two upsets marked the second round of the Colony Junior Chess Championship. R. C. Danenberg declined a sacrifice of a pawn by To Yu-lau in an Evans Gambit and played through to a very well deserved win after a flawless game.

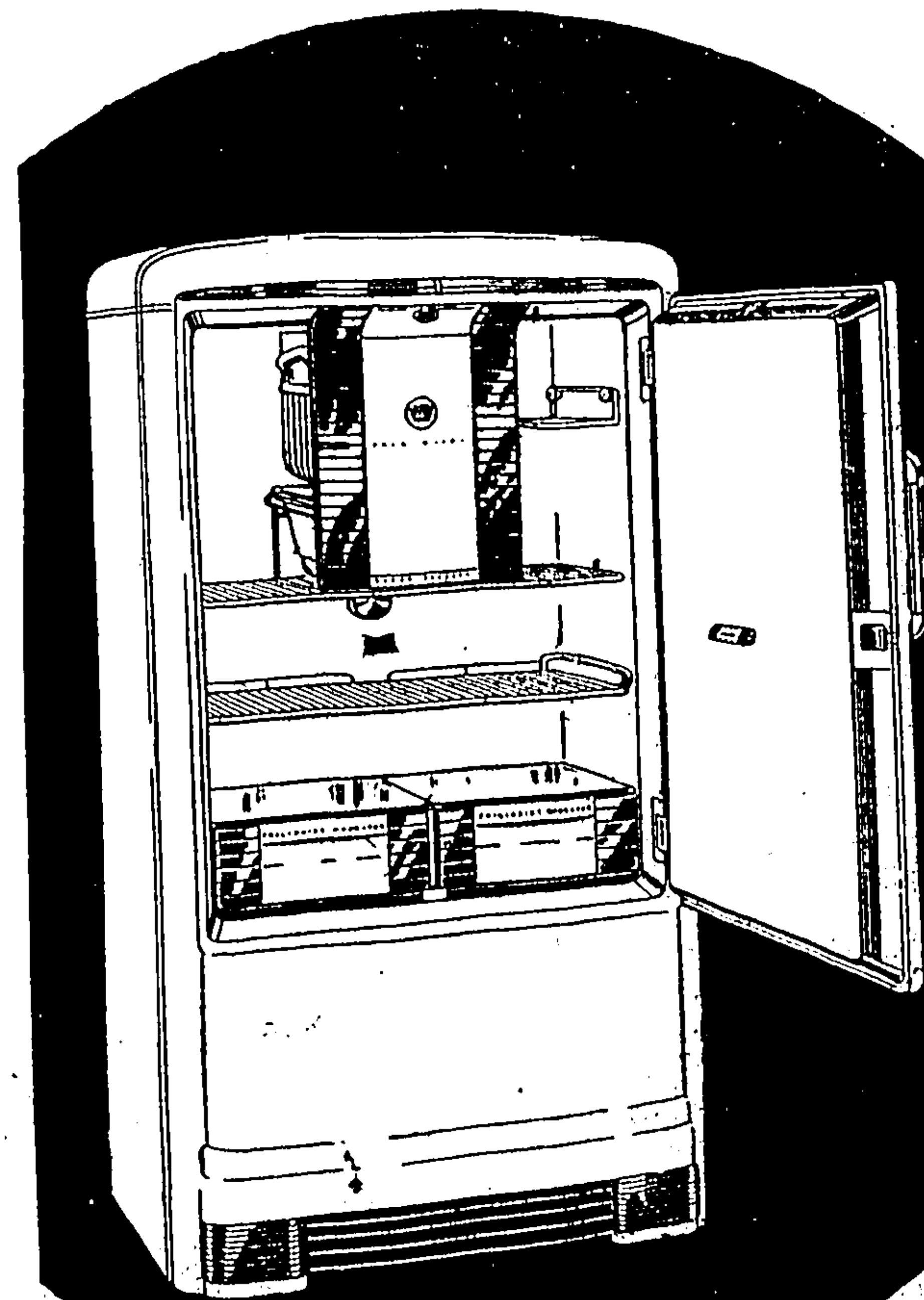
His opponent being ranked as one of the four strongest players in the Tournament, Danenberg scored a more spectacular win than did J. Grefalda, who pressed the Ponziani opening against W. Lee and lost a rook for a doubtful advantage of a passed pawn. Confident play aided by weak end game play on the part of Lee enabled Grefalda to extricate himself from a disadvantageous situation and he scored a splendid win.

The other two games in the Junior Tournament resulted in wins for A. Kurrik over A. Morton and for A. Y. Biriukoff over J. H. d'Almeida.

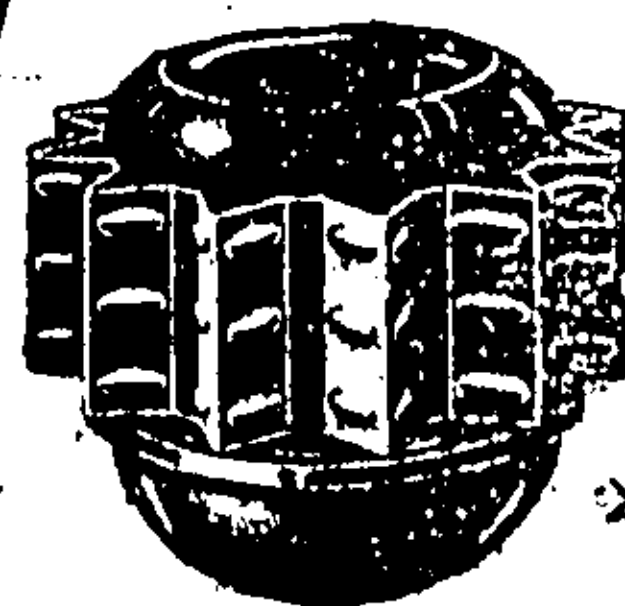
"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. first and second against the Nomads and the cond elevens at Hockey to-morrow, respectively, on the "Y" ground:

1st XI. at 4.15 p.m.—Benwell; Taylor and Youriec; Jordan, Combe and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Hitchcock, Oleson and Dunne. 2nd XI. at 3 p.m.—Clegggett; Railton and Whitburn; Smith, Gorman and Spencelayh; Macey, Olson, Dormer, Fancy and Banks.



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JUBA RIVER FORCED

Imperial Force Resumes Advance In Somaliland

Striking Order Of Day By General Cunningham

MATSUOKA'S DIPLOMATIC MANOEUVRE

The Indian press yesterday dismissed the Japanese mediation move merely as a diplomatic manoeuvre and draws attention to Japan's inconsistency.

The Nationalist "Bombay Sentinel" says Japanese mediation is not wanted. With Britain's growing preparations in the Far East the Japanese daily are becoming more friendly.—Reuter.

SHIPBUILDING IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government is shortly appointing a Commission to arrange for a substantial ship-building programme for merchant shipping. The sum of £6,000,000 has already been allocated for this purpose.—Reuter.

(From A Special Correspondent with the East African Force)

A STRIKING ORDER OF THE DAY WAS ISSUED BY LT.-GENERAL A. G. CUNNINGHAM, GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE EAST AFRICAN IMPERIAL FORCE, ON THE EVE OF THE SUCCESSFUL JUBALAND OPERATIONS.

"Hit them, hit them hard and hit them again," said the G.O.C., and the troops took the exhortation to heart.

Following the capture last Friday by South African infantry of an important Italian post and aerodrome at the mouth of the Juba River, nine miles from Kismayu, the enemy is now virtually expelled from Jubaland.

General Cunningham, in this Order, said: "The victory of the Imperial troops further north filled us in East Africa with pride and excited thought. No doubt the ensuing period has touched us with envy and there has been a strong desire to emulate their achievement. The chance is now here.

No Whit Behind

"This Force is no whit behind in dash, courage and endurance. Confident in this, I send to the South African and West African troops participating in operations a message of good luck."—Reuter.

Developing Well

It was officially announced in Cairo yesterday that Imperial troops have successfully crossed the Juba River, driving off enemy counter-attacks.

The communique adds that operations in this area are developing well. On other fronts there is no change in the situation.—Reuter.

BELATED EFFORT TO BOLSTER MORALE

Somewhat belatedly the German official news agency is now endeavouring to give a more flattering picture of Italian resistance in Libya.

The agency says that, according to information gathered from British prisoners captured in North Africa, the Italian guns at Bardia had a "murder effect on the enemy."

It adds that of over 2,000 British attackers only about 100 came out unscathed and the remainder were mown down by shrapnel or decimated by Italian machine-guns.

Wounded natives, says the agency, are now being cared for in Egypt and thousands of wounded Australians have been sent to Palestine, where all hospitals are already crowded out.

ACTUALLY, BRITISH LOSSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE CLEAR BY A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO ON JANUARY 8, WHICH STATED THAT "TOTAL BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES INCURRED IN THE CAPTURE OF BARDIA WERE LESS THAN 600."—REUTER.

IL DUCE'S ERROR

The "Journal de Geneve" declared yesterday that Italy entered the war because she believed it would be quickly over.

She over-rated French resistance and under-estimated British resistance, sharing the German illusion that Britain could not withstand repeated mass bombings.

Italy counted to ruin the British Empire, believing she would only fight a country in the last stage of feebleness.

She perceives to-day that she confronts a power able to hold out a long time, and with resources constantly increasing.

Italy's reverses are due to a false political calculation.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Two burned corpses—one of a woman and the other of a child—have been found by the fire brigade on the first floor of No. 18, Portland Street.

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Next of kin of casualties have been informed.

Crispin was a ship of 5,071 tons and was built in 1935. In peacetime she was one of the Booth Line carrying both passengers and cargo. — Reuter.

Turkey has made the Anglo-Turkish Alliance her "national and permanent policy," declared the Turkish newspaper "Aksham" yesterday, according to Ankara radio.

The paper, commenting on the Turco-Bulgar declaration, added: "If foreign circles have thought it might be possible for the Turks to act in a manner contrary to the stipulation of this alliance (with Britain) they are greatly mistaken."—Reuter.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, arrived in Cairo yesterday, says a Reuter cable.

Sixteen German police officers were drowned when a German lorry in the Czech Protectorate near Zlin (Moravia) fell into the river, says a Prague despatch to the official German news agency. The German version of the incident says it was due to the failure of the brakes.—Reuter.

"PROTECTED AREAS" IN BOMBAY

The Government of India "Gazette" yesterday declared oil depots, waterworks, dams and electric power stations, certain district headquarters and elsewhere all over Bombay province "protected places" under the Defence Rules, as a special precaution. — Reuter.

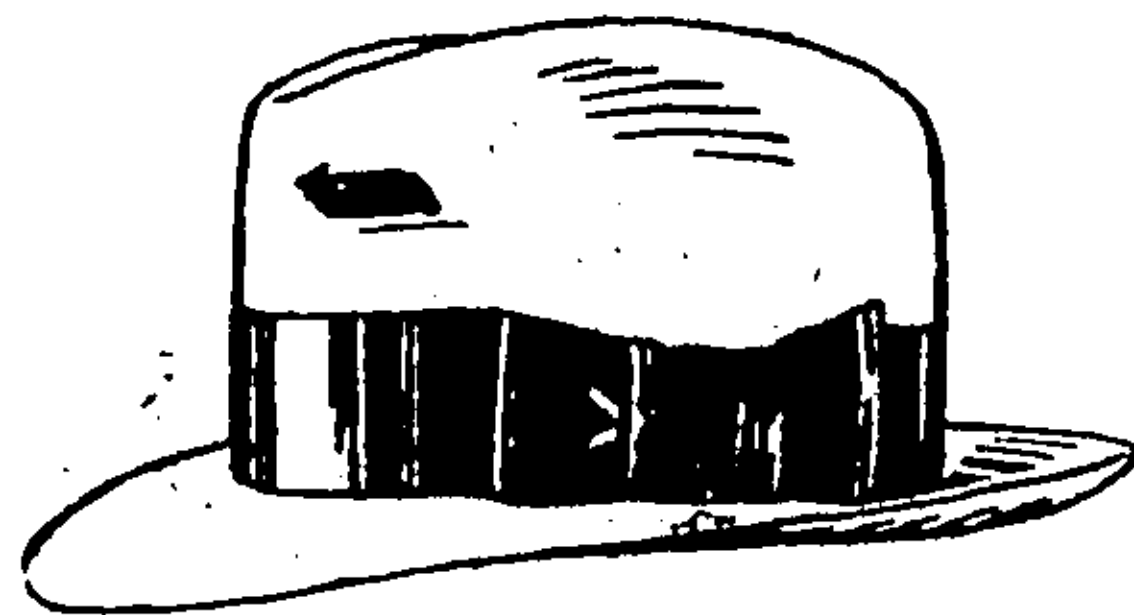
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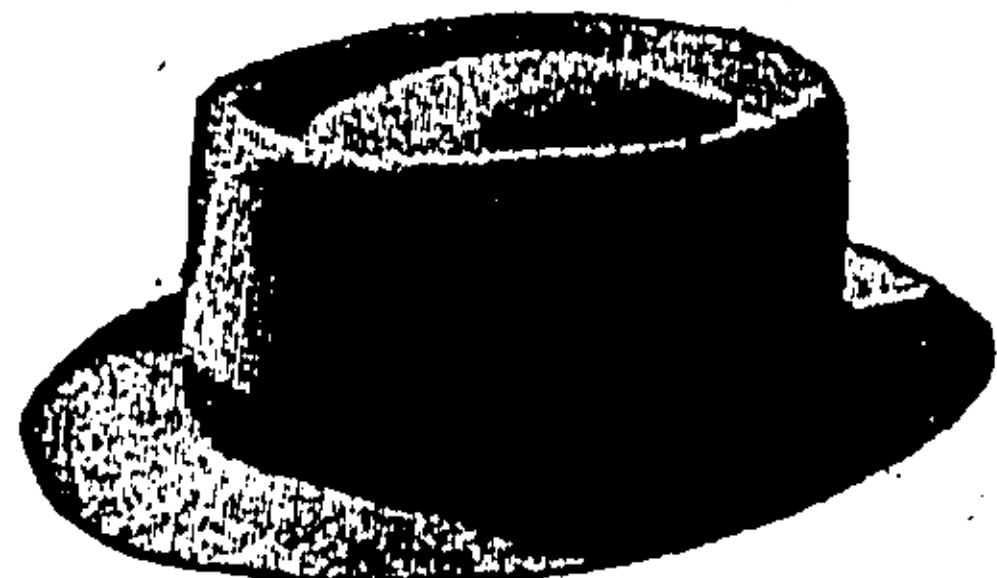
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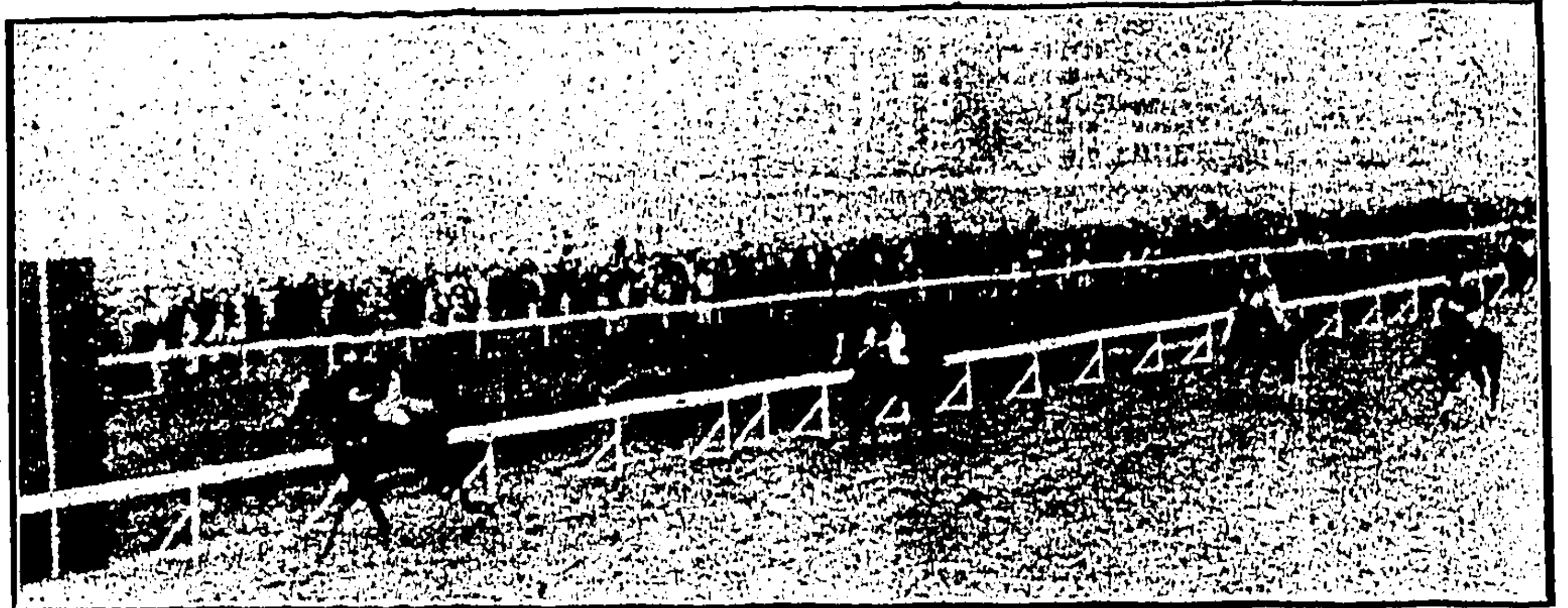
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Sapper winning the Coral Handicap by 5 lengths from Far View, with Viceroy, right, third and Australian Diamond fourth.



Winner of the third section of the Sydney Maidens on Monday was Young Bros.' National Welfare (Mr. Tho up), seen here being led in after its success. It paid \$51.90 for a win.



The scene in the Paddock prior to the running of the Hong Kong Derby on Tuesday.



A new picture of Mr. Winston Churchill, dynamic leader of the British Empire war effort.



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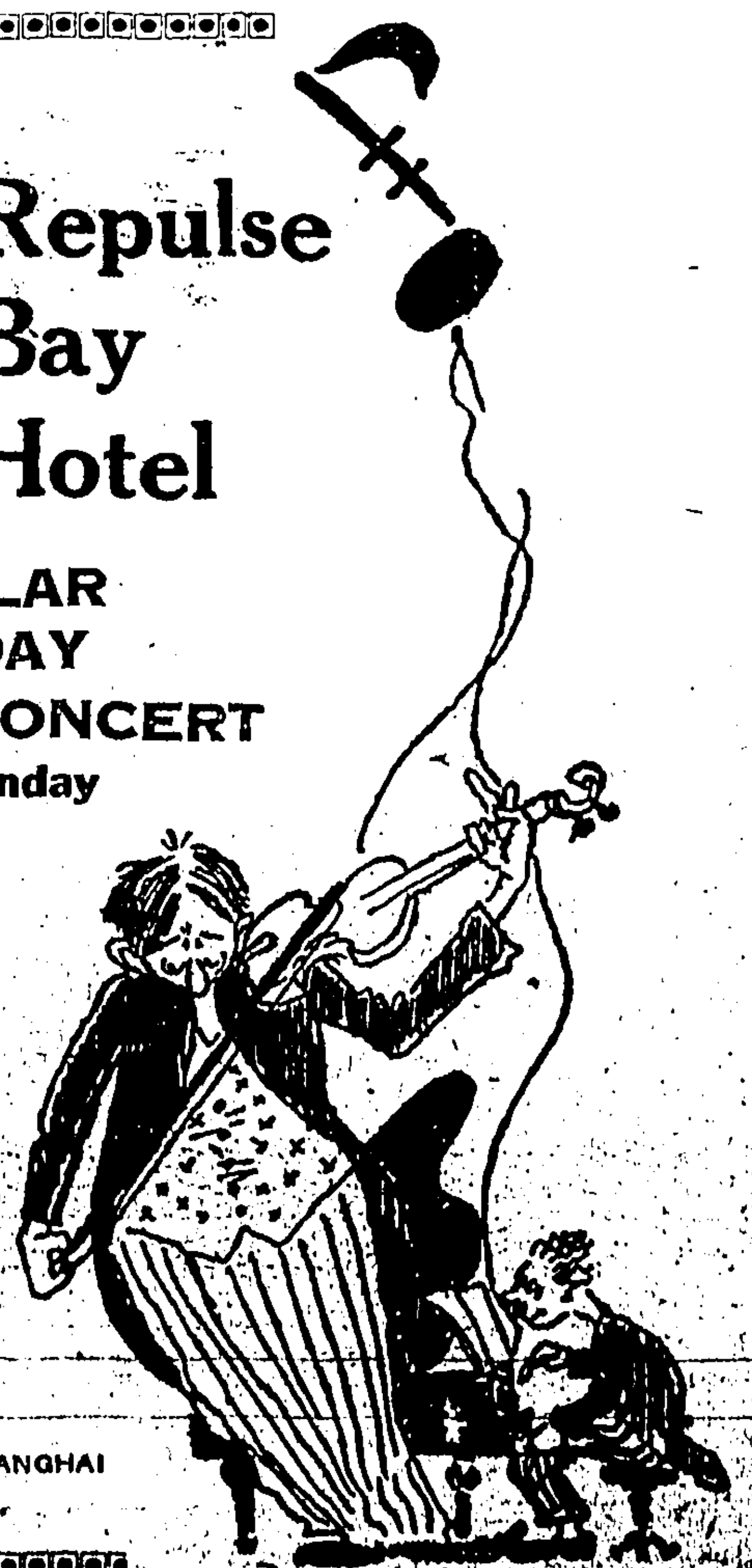
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SHORT STORY

“FEAR” By MAY WYNNE

"The reputation of the place," said Carr drily, "is not pleasant. I'm not a psychic myself, but I have spoken to friends who are altogether reliable—good, common-sense chaps who went to the barn from various motives: curiosity, amusement, honest-to-goodness interest in psychic phenomena, and they tell me they would neither repeat the experience nor speak of it. In fact one and all struck me as men who had been afraid."

Fenley chuckled. Without being a boaster he enjoyed his reputation as a man who did not know the meaning of the word fear.

Carr's speech rang as a challenge which he accepted without hesitation.

"I'm not psychic either," he retorted, "but the subject interests me when handled by an expert, and irritates me when it forms a thrill for old women and flappers. I'll go to Halsom Barn to-night just for the fun of the thing, and also to experiment on a man who interests me—you know Darnall?"

Carr nodded, not altogether pleased at hearing the name. He not only knew Fane Darnall, but respected him. The latter was in his third year at the Varsity and had decided to read for the Church. Not a particularly popular man, except amongst tennis

players. He was one who usually preferred his own company and had the reputation of being nervous to a degree.

What Fenley wanted with Darnall in respect to Halsom Barn Carr could only surmise.

Fenley was ready enough to explain. "Darnall has his views about ghosts," he jested "has the theory of earth-bound spirits who need help. So I shall invite him to come along. Of course, if he gets the wind up badly I'll have a Scotch ready for him—but it's his own psychology I want to analyse for a character in my new book."

Carr looked at the speaker thoughtfully.

"Your affair," said he, "it reminds me of a youngster who used to set the wings of his moths before the dope of the killing bottle had killed them. He was interested in watching the signs of returning life."

Fenley reddened.

"Darnall has a perfectly free choice," he said coldly. "He can refuse my invitation, and he can make all the enquiries about the barn. After all, it is probably a put up job of poachers to keep people from using the place."

Carr said no more—but learned later that Darnall and Fenley were going to tackle the spook of the old barn.

Curiously enough, though it became the subject of bets, neither of the men were ragged about their decision.

Carr was not the only one to think Fenley was taking a mean advantage of a man who, combined theories with a physical nervousness which is so often misinterpreted as cowardice.

"Have you spoken to Dan Robinson about his experience," Carr asked Darnall. "No one seems to give the vaguest clue to the mystery. I—er—don't take it seriously, eh? but if there is any sort of element."

Darnall smiled. He was a tall, plain-featured man, with a pair of the kindest eyes.

"I know the mystery of the barn," he said quietly, "that is why I am going with Fenley. I would rather not say more than that."

He left Carr more puzzled than ever—and more resentful against Fenley.

The latter had adopted a manner of lazy indifference as he and Darnall tramped across the fields towards the derelict barn which

stood near a wood.

"Not much in the way of moonlight," drawled Fenley, "but I dare say we shall get a spot of it at the psychological moment. The only grouse I shall have is if the Elemental doesn't show up. Want something to freeze the chaps' blood, eh? I suppose you are properly psychic and expect all sorts of manifestations. What's the great idea with you?"

"I would rather tell you that afterwards," said Darnall, "but, to be perfectly frank, I do expect—an experience."

Fenley laughed. He was bored by the other's attitude, but attributed it to a growing fear. It would make a clever little bit of character analysis for his book.

Darnall appeared quite content not to talk, and they reached the barn in silence.

The interior was no different to that of a hundred other old country barns. There were no hanging ropes suggestive of a noose; no upper floor or trap doors.

A quantity of rotting wood lay piled and propped at one end, and, as the young men entered, a couple of rats scurried across the floor.

"What about a perch over there?" asked Fenley, pointing to a couple of chopping blocks; but Darnall shook his head.

"I doubt if we have long to wait," he replied. "Robinson told me the time he left—it was 11.30. It is just after eleven now."

"I thought midnight was the correct time," said Fenley, but, rather to Darnall's surprise, he crossed over beside him.

The whole of the interior of the barn was in darkness, only around the open door space a faint light glowed.

The silence was complete.

At first the watchers stood alert, concentrating on that strange search into the unknown, but presently, heedless of cobwebs, they lolled back against the wall.

Fenley was wondering in bored amusement if Darnall were getting enough of it all, when a sudden chill in the atmosphere startled him. It was no draught, or rising night breeze, but that strange sense of cold which is said to accompany any manifestation of the occult.

Yet there was nothing to see yonder within the radius of light . . . no sound to break the silence, and yet both were aware of a fear which gripped their senses and brought beads of perspiration to their brows.

Neither had ever heard of such an experience, and as their pulses beat in heavy throbbing, the intolerable fear grew. There was something terrible here, yet terrible in a new inexplicable way.

A fear which brought physical weakness without faintness. A horror which spoke of death and murder, yet showed no manifestation of crime.

It was as if the fear of a tortured soul had entered into each, an agony which rose to a climax and then vanished, leaving in its place a still grimmer horror. But for the darkness, each felt they might have seen eyes filled with agony and remorse; a murderer already repentant of his deed, whilst wave after wave of human despair left them dizzy and afraid . . . with a fear beyond the fear of death.

Fenley had entirely forgotten his companion, the study of another man's character under nerve strain was utterly wiped out. His only desire was to escape from two experiences each as tragic as the other.

Caring nothing as to Darnall, heedless whether he had fainted or gone crazed under the ordeal, he reeled away, out into the moonlight . . . out across the meadows, sweating, trembling, till a hand gripped his shoulder, and he saw Carr.

"Where," asked the latter harshly, "is Darnall?"

Fenley's laugh was eerie enough. "I left him to hobnob with the devils," he replied. "I've had enough of them."

"You know what fear is," stated Carr, and got the answer which he might have asked for in vain to-morrow.

"Fear," muttered Fenley, "it was fear. But I'm not translating it for your benefit. You'll probably find Darnall a gibbering maniac."

"Ah!" said Carr, "and you left him to it!"

Then he went back across the

fields to Halsom Barn.

Darnall was standing on the threshold—he looked at his friend with an understanding smile.

"I am going," he said, "to a man in need. Afterwards I will tell you the reason for a ghost that is laid."

It was impossible to ask questions, though Carr's wonder grew. Darnall, pale enough, smiled as though he took a message of good news.

It was the loneliest of cottages to which he went. A dreary place with weed-choked garden and the air of desolation.

It struck Carr as curious that his friend was evidently expected. A man, gaunt, lean and tired in expression, stood on the threshold. Darnall gripped his hand and they went in together.

Carr waited for an hour—it seemed impossible to go home leaving the mystery unsolved.

At last Darnall came out alone and joined him. The two walked away without speaking at first.

Carr felt no wish to criticise or joke about the flight of fear-stricken Fenley. He sensed something bigger than any of them had allowed for.

Then presently Darnall spoke.

"I am going to tell you the story, Carr," he said, "but first I must ask you neither to tell Fenley or any others. To me there is something too pitiful and sacred in this tale of human suffering to allow it to be told as a mere ghost tale."

"I have always been interested in the occult. My theory is that when anyone comes back from the Unseen World there must be a very definite reason. I have proved this twice. When I heard the men talking of the haunted barn I did not question those who had gone to exploit a ghost, but made enquiries from local friends."

"Finally I elicited the yarn of a gamekeeper and his wife living about a mile from the barn. They had no children, and I suppose were quite devoted; the only trouble was the man's fits of temper, amounting to mania."

"When one of his 'rages' came on he seemed capable of any crime, but with his wife these attacks were very rare till the time when they quarrelled over her perfectly innocent friendship with her cousin. Peter forbade Annie to go out with him—and she disobeyed. His fury was terrible, and he warned her he would do her in if she disobeyed again."

"She disobeyed—overruled by the other lad's gay coaxing, but she knew her husband had learned of her folly, and when the time drew near for his return home panic fear seized her."

"The cottage, as you saw, was in the loneliest of places, and the young woman, timid and afraid, must have worked herself up into a frenzy so that at last, catching up her cloak, she ran out and away to Halsom Barn, where she hid amongst the wood."

"To understand what happened to-night you must try and experience the agony of horror overwhelming the terrified girl—she was little more. Loving the man wholeheartedly, she could pity him as the victim of a maniac's fits. She visualised the horror of the deed she was convinced he contemplated."

"And then, as she crouched there in terror, she heard him call her name . . . and so great was her terror, that she sank down there—in death."

"It was there he found her, saw the piteous terror stamped in the open eyes, and knew what her fear had been. He had come, raging, too blind with anger to know what he intended to do—though he had thrust a knife from the table into his pocket."

"Seeing her dead, realising his mad folly, he knew there the fear I was cognizant of to-night. I came, expecting such an experience. As the fear passed I prayed that Annie might know of her man's grief, and he of her forgiveness."

"I believe I was used as a medium between two worlds, even though I am no Spiritualist."

"By prayers I was permitted to serve. And my home will have again the spirit of peace. Annie's husband will take up his life again."

"The ghost of Halsom Barn will bring no more a fear that is dead."

The dawn was breaking as the two reached their college.

To John Carr, too, had come a revelation.

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Chapters Of Heroism

In London's Bombarded East End

By Maurice Fagence

I HAVE just spent two hours in London's East End. In case you don't know London, that's where the bulk of her poorest people live.

Two hours! I might have lived through fifty years of some of our most glorious chapters in history yet come across less heroism.

And that is all you will get by way of introduction to the story I have to tell you.

I begrudge the words to tell you anything that's not in my note-book.

* * *

There's Mrs. Halliday. She was buried in her cellar. They prodded the ruins with a cane until a tug on the cane told them it had reached her.

Then they cut the inner tube of a bicycle and pushed one end down to her.

"We're sending you some milk," they shouted, thinking that a seventy-six-year-old woman would like nothing better.

"Make it beer," said a faint voice.

When a local publican had rolled out the barrel, a somewhat stronger voice said: "What about cheese and biscuits to make a meal of it?"

Two minutes' work by a Canadian soldier with a crowbar, and she had her cheese and biscuits.

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An ex-soldier stood in the ruins of his home.

He had made the last payment to the building society on September 3. The house was his at last.

He looked round at the pile of rubble.

Somebody sympathised.

"Aw, what does it matter?" he said. "Property's nothing. You can repair property."

You couldn't have repaired that property, which he had been paying for twenty years.

But there's none so blind as those who prefer not to see.

None so wonderful, either.

This may not sound so wonderful, until you think it over.

At least fifty of the mothers-to-be in the maternity home that was hit said to their nurses: "I don't care, as long as baby is all right."

Perhaps most mothers-to-be speak that way.

But it doesn't make it less heroic.

This may not sound so remarkable either. A father with a leg cruelly injured carried his daughter to a rescue squad.

There was blood on her face.

"If you don't take my daddy, you don't take me," she said.

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The woman of seventy-odd, a typical George Belcher character, who went to a first-aid post with a broken arm.

"What's the fuss?" she kept asking in unladylike language. "What the hell's the fuss?"

"Broken arms are broken arms," said a St. John Ambulance worker.

You know 'em. They consider their pocket-money wasted unless they spend it on bandages for other people.

"Don't talk wet," said this unladylike person. "I've been through three wars and this isn't going to get me down."

I still prefer to call her a lady!

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Let us move to Central London. A man who lets out coster-barrows to costermongers heard what was happening in London's East End.

"Who'll help me to push all my barrows down there?" he asked. "Blimey, I don't care if I don't get one back."

He found all the volunteers he wanted.

They set out—like those battered old tubs that sailed for Dunkirk.

It was two days before they got back. And what work they did in the meantime I can leave you to guess.

There was something of that

Dunkirk spirit in London's East End.

Soldiers Help

Hundreds of soldiers spending treasured days of leave in London set out for the East End when they knew what was happening there.

They helped with the work of rescue through days and nights, nights and days.

I spoke to one who had over-stayed his leave by thirty hours. He had helped to save scores.

I told him I'd write to his commanding officer to explain why he was overdue.

"No," he said reflectively. "I don't want anybody to think I'm swanking. And I can do seven days confined to barracks on my blasted head."

I reserve the right to tone down swear-words as I think fit.

Colonial and Dominion soldiers in particular were touched by the plight of women and children.

They were thinking of their own wives and youngsters.

"He's going to be paid back," they said.

I'll leave you to guess who "he" is.

* * *

I went into a pub. "How much money yer got, mate?" they asked as soon as I got in.

They wanted money for refugees pouring into the school opposite.

Many a man went in with the price of three pints and found it would only buy half a pint—and the comfortable feeling of having done something decent.

Landlords lost custom, yet handed over pound notes to make their losses more real.

A grocer stood in the wreckage of his shop.

He went on serving as if nothing had happened.

"It goes down on the account," he said to each customer.

The wonderful old liar. There were no accounts. They had been destroyed. Nor was he trying to remember.

He was giving everything away. I could tell you scores of stories about the heroism of the A.R.P. people.

There's so much more in my note-book, but I must turn from it for a moment.

I have a young colleague, under military age, who spends his nights doing unpaid A.R.P. work in London's East End and many hours of his days on the office roof looking for Huns.

And he has a note-book.

Without wasting a word, I'll tell you about some of the things in it.

He heard firemen, rushed to first-aid posts with burns and smoked eyes, complaining about the time taken in treating them.

It wasn't that they sought quicker alleviation of their pain.

They wanted to get back to the job of fighting the fire as quickly as they could.

This young colleague saw a young man sitting in agony with severe head wounds, protesting that he was "all right" until the last woman and child had been attended.

Then he fainted with pain.

He was ten times worse injured than anybody there—yet "I'm all right" was his refrain.

Holiday Spirit

Another note tells how a District Warden stood on a chicken hutch to see how the occupants of the Anderson shelters in a row of wrecked gardens were faring.

From a badly damaged shelter came a voice: "Nah, then. Nah, then. Lay off them there chickens, mate. I want to sell them when this packet's finished."

He mentions the bravery of women ambulance drivers.

"Even when bombs dropped they wanted to use their lipsticks," he observed.

The same note-book tells, how people rescued from bombed buildings were removed to refugee centres that were being

bombed preparatory to being taken away in cars and lorries that were being bombed.

They kept on singing. "There'll always be an England."

The note adds:

The spirit I observed in all these people was the spirit I have always noticed in them when they are going to Hampstead Heath for Bank Holiday.

This colleague saw hundreds of young men arrive and offer themselves for any jobs that might be going.

You know, young men with well-greased hair and dapper suits. The sort of young men to whom silly women gave white feathers in the last war.

They were put to lifting heavy stones and huge beams from wrecked buildings.

* * *

Right through the night those young men toiled, till their well-groomed hair was tousled and white with dust, their dapper suits torn, their hands bleeding, their muscles—in many instances unused to such heavy toil—pleading for the rest that their stout hearts refused to confer.

Even when bombs rained round them they refused to give in.

Then there was the young lorry driver who had been working in the danger area for twenty hours, but was at last ordered to a point far outside London.

"Have a heart, mate," he pleaded. "I mightn't get a chance of getting back."

Much in my own and my colleague's note-books will have to go unprinted. Volumes could be told of the heroism of the people of the mean streets of London's East End.

But you know 'em.

You may have seen them only occasionally on a visit to London. You may have served with them in the last war.

You may have criticised them at times, as I criticised the cockneys when I first came to live among them—until I realised that their real pearls were in their hearts and not on their jackets.

I wish you could have seen them when Hitler tried to smash their spirit in three days.

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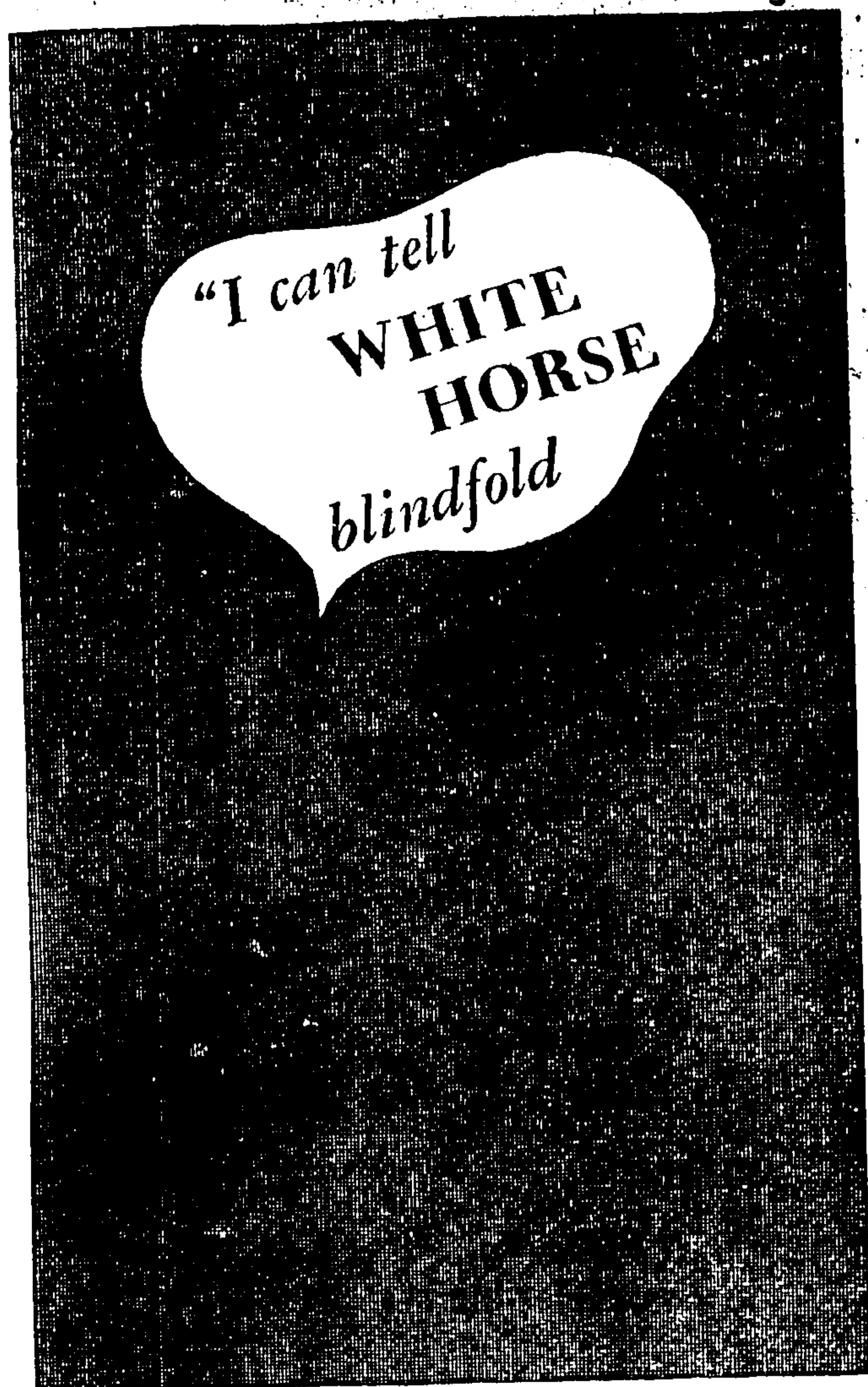
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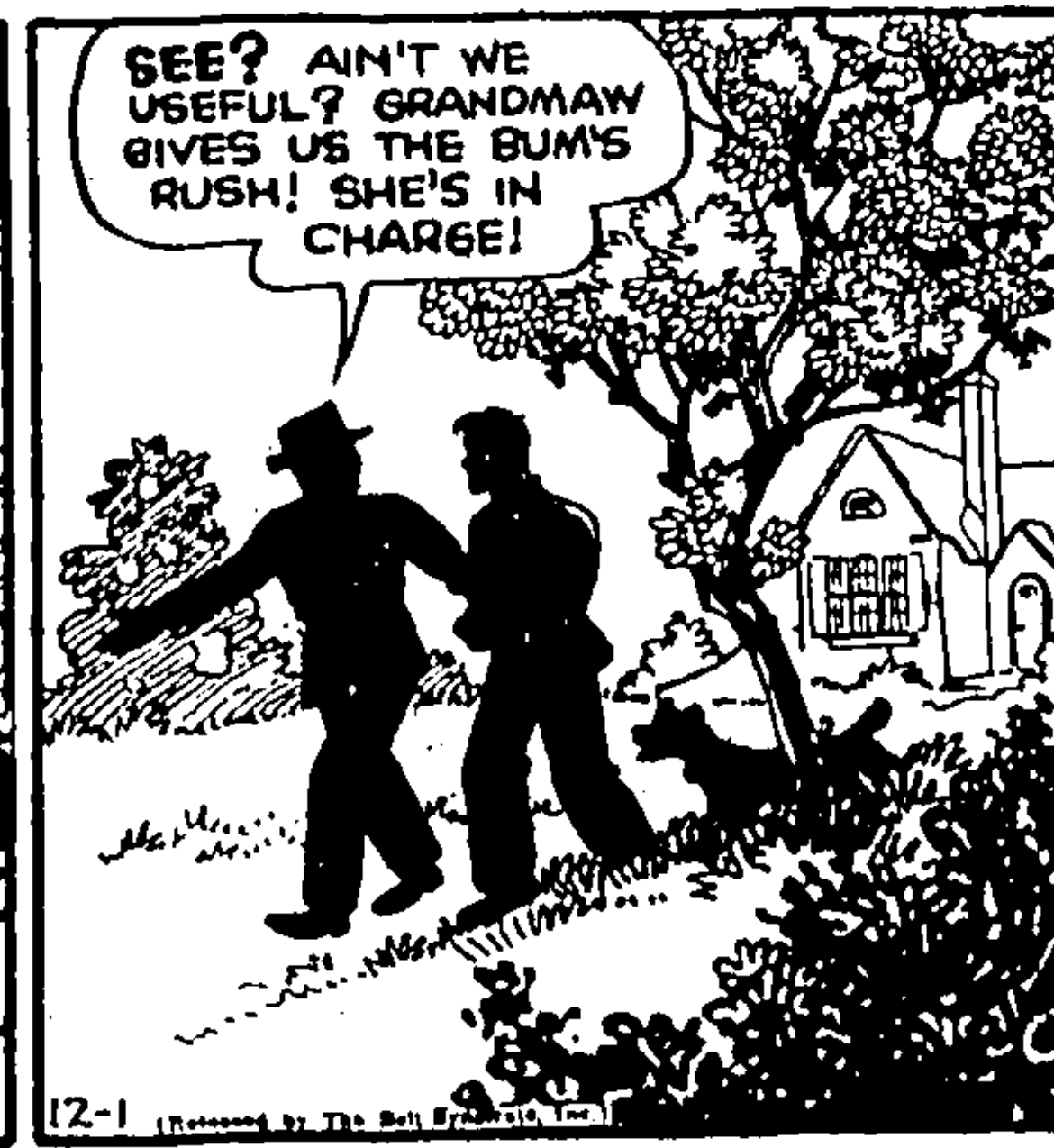
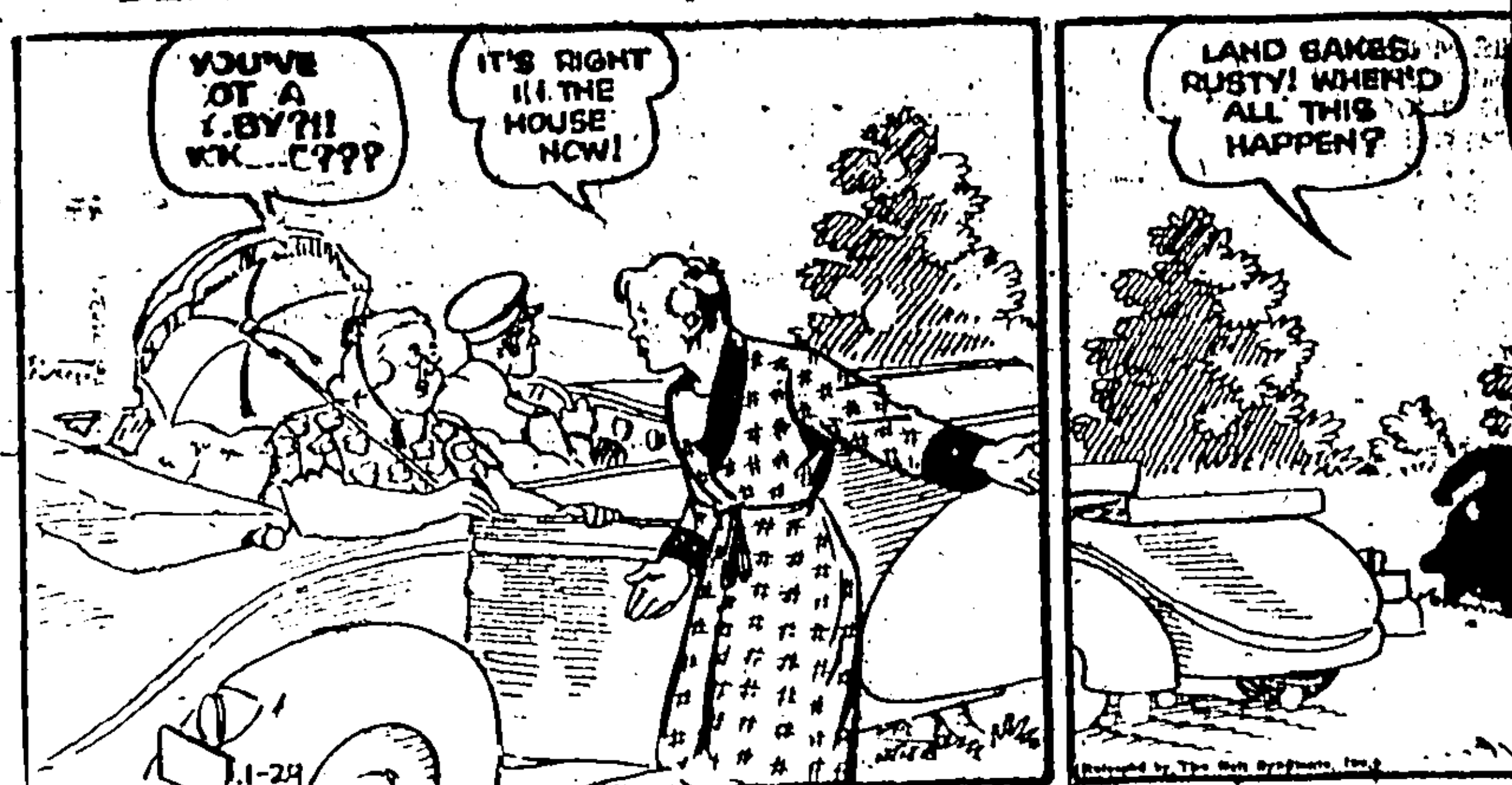
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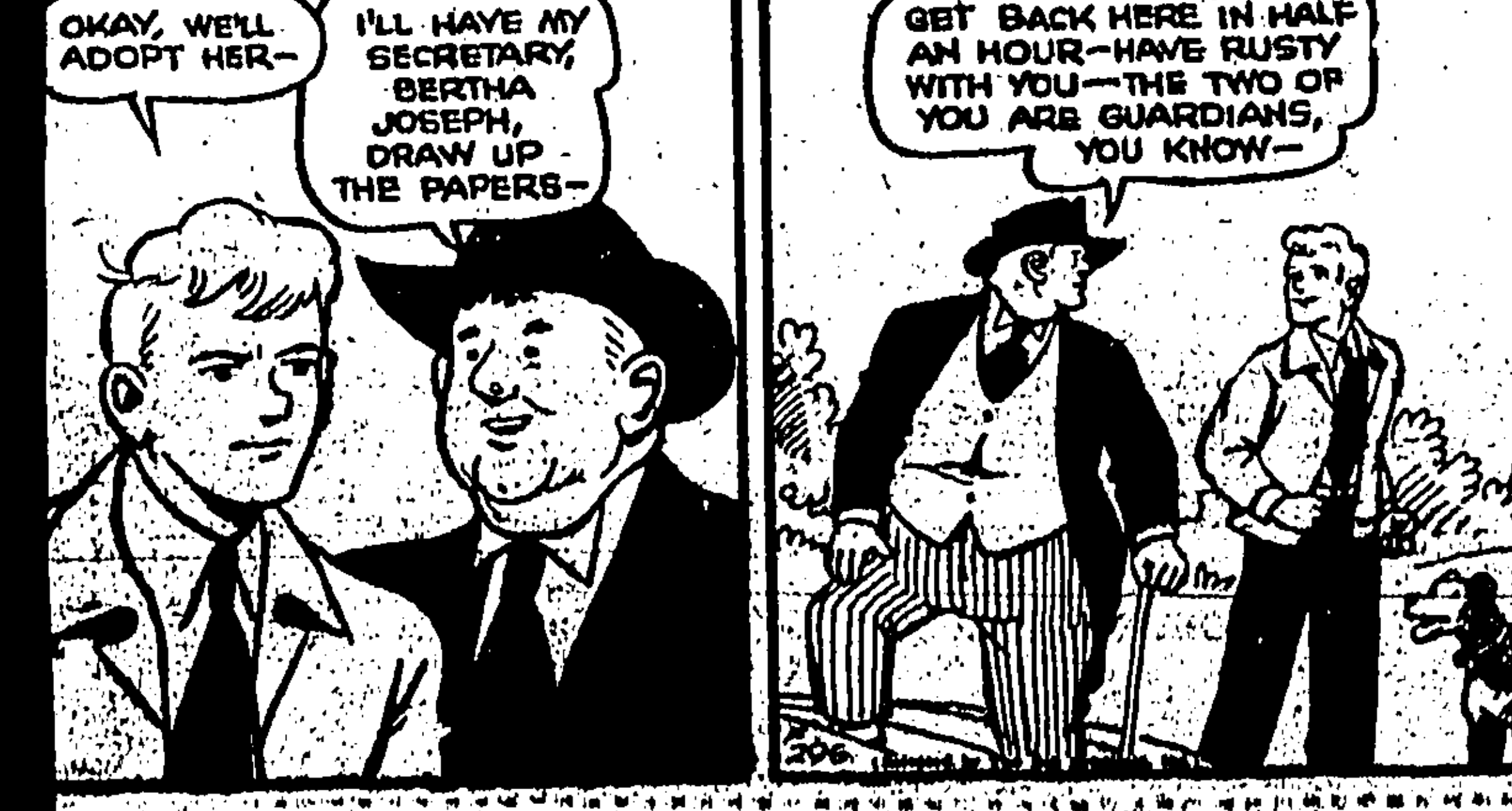
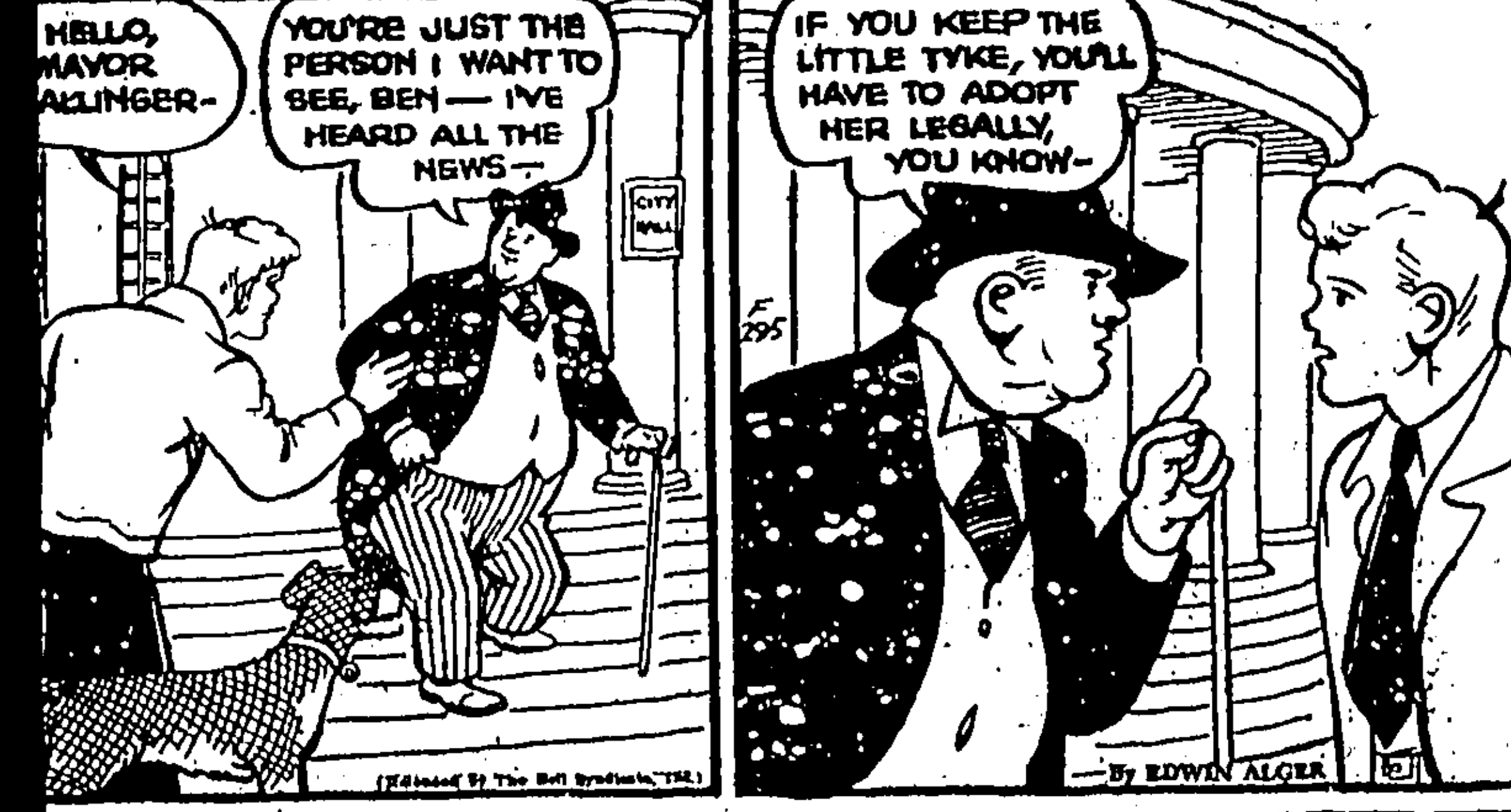
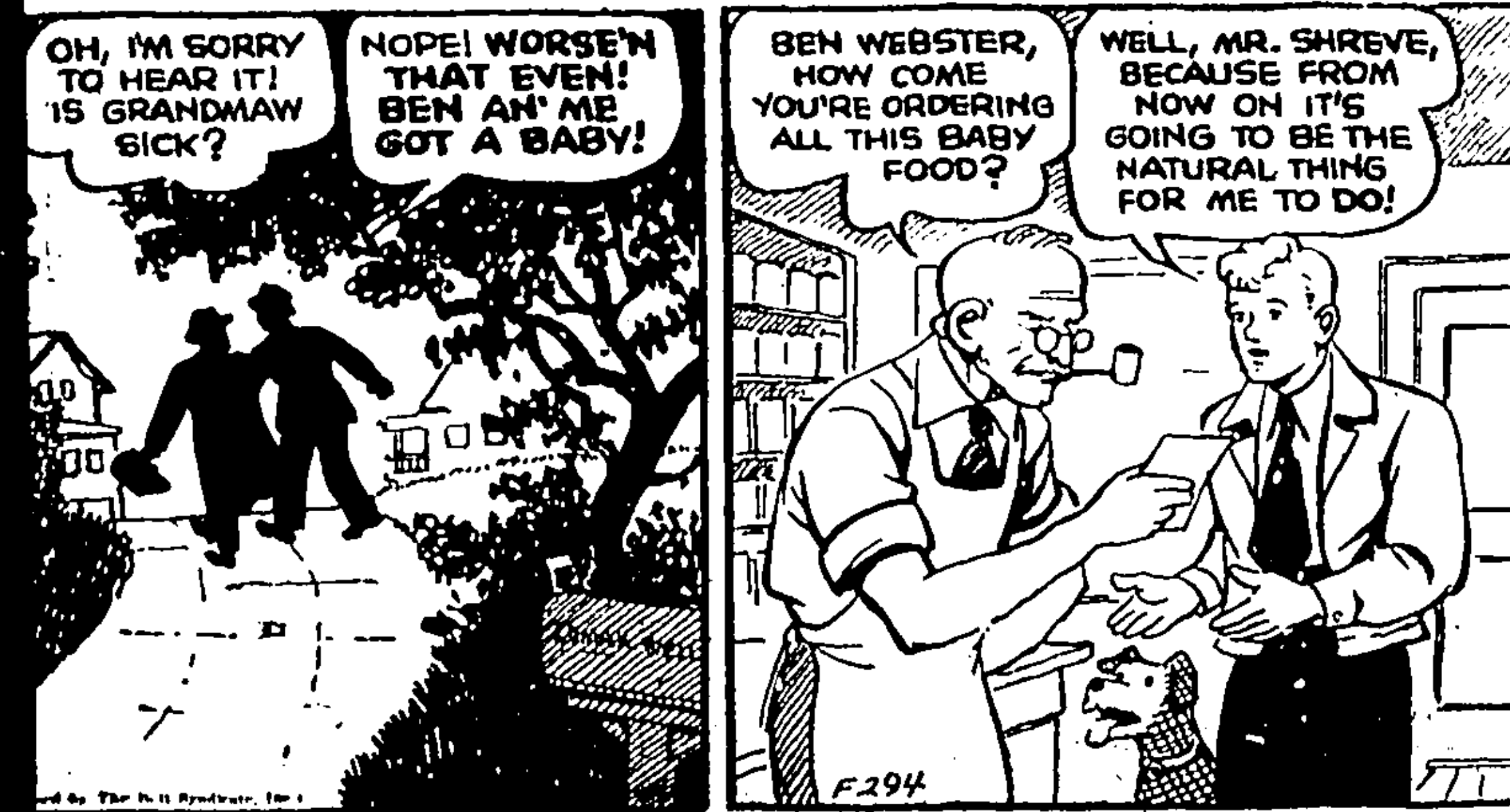
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This war is going to be a much more expensive business than the last. In 1918 our maximum daily expenditure had reached what then seemed a colossal figure — £7,000,000. This war, which Mr. Churchill visualises as running in to 1943, is already costing us between £9,000,000 and £10,000,000 every 24 hours.

We have already placed orders in the United States to the tune of some £600,000,000—something more than half of what we can pay cash for. But United States' capacity to help in the matter of supplies is still in its infancy. In time we hope to see the American stream become a flood.

Tied To Wall Street

Let us be certain that we shall float into victory on this flood, not flounder into a peace like the last one.

War loans helped us to win the last war; the problems they gave rise to helped us to lose the peace.

Upon whether we shall be tied by the leg to Wall Street or was to continue after the war,

bound in an understanding of our mutual indebtedness will depend whether the next peace will be one dictated by the money bags or by the desire of intelligent public opinion on both sides of the Atlantic to lay the basis of a saner international system.

Tariff Frontiers

The last war landed us in a financial mess and in a competitive war with America that did a lot to shape the tragic course of the events which culminated in September, 1939.

It was out of this mess that emerged the scramble to build up tariff frontiers, which lie much more at the root of the present war than the political frontiers of Versailles.

When France was still our ally a joint economy was born, which was to continue after the war,

The orders which are now being placed with United States industry imply a great deal of mutual planning and division of labour as between the two countries.

The Americans admit that their industry is being assisted into a high degree of efficiency to meet

By DAVID RAYMOND

the United States defence programme by the "fighting experience" contained in every British war order. Can this be extended into a cooperation that will outlast the needs of war and to cater for the new world which Roosevelt has visualised as one in which there shall be no hungry people?

Or, as happened before, are our capitalists to spend money to build up a rationalised American industry that will sweep us out of competitive markets when the war ends?

These may be unkind — and even tactless — questions to raise at the moment when we are seeking American aid in our life-and-death struggle.

But they are questions that must be faced. They are bound up with the question of our war aims. Roosevelt got the majority of the American people to vote for him not only because he wanted to help Britain, but also because he had educated them to a conception of a sound peace that must follow the war.

Remember 1931

The British Government is now considering its war aims, and may

declare them. Here lies the key to the future of Anglo-American cooperation.

The American people will not travel far with us if our rulers have in mind another Versailles Europe. They will not underwrite a system that repeats all the errors of the last peace.

And we cannot withdraw into an Anglo-American union that ignores Britain's position as a Continental Power without becoming in effect a colony of a greater American Empire.

The British people's resistance has inspired the American democracy to give us help that it was reluctant to give in the days when our efforts were half-hearted and the smell of Munich was still in the air.

If we tell the American people what we are fighting for, what sort of place we want to make of the post-war world, we shall capitalise the present mood of the two peoples and convert any assistance America gives us into a token of our interdependence.

DAVID RAYMOND

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Matched Make-Up

Be Meticulous

Women have been taught that make-up colours should definitely harmonise and as a group they should enhance her natural beauty. An orange-red lipstick certainly does not go with a rose rouge and a pink powder. An orange-red lipstick requires a rouge of the same colour, but slightly lighter in shade, and the powder should be on the tannish, rather than the pinkish blend. If one's natural colouring is not flattered by such a combination it should not be worn even though the orange-red might be decreed high cosmetic fashion. Some skins are flattered by rose-hued make-up aids, others by purple-tinged make-up and still others by more intense scarlet. It is up to the individual woman to select the most becoming make-up combination and to wear clothes colours which harmonise with that combination.

During summer, let us say, when our skins have been tanned shades deeper, we might be able to vary our make-up combination, but the rest of the time we must be pretty loyal to the colour most flattering to our natural skin tone.

Now Matched For You

Time was when women had to shop from counter to counter to get a rouge to blend with a chosen lipstick. Then her next problem was powder — the choice being anything but satisfying as most powder mixtures were too light in shade. Now all this frantic shopping can be avoided by buying matched make-up that comes complete.

A famous Fifth Avenue salon was the first to offer lipstick, nail polish, rouge, powder and eye-shadow all in one box—the shades perfectly matched. But now several firms have assembled combinations.

One has presented us with powder base, lip and cheek rouge in stick form (to simplify its application) and an exquisitely textured powder to match the powder base. Each combination is keyed to flatter a basic complexion type, and there are four combinations. Your specific combination will give you a flawless looking complexion that stays intact for hours and the joy of this presentation is its price—even school girls will not wince!

Put On Clean Skin

Once you have your little box of matched make-up, don't grow



The gay young blade says it's foolish to spend your money on silly things unless they're awfully young and cute.



Always imagine that a candid camera is about to take your picture. That will inspire you to meticulous grooming. This beauty has just evenly outlined her lips with that new deep lipstick shade beloved by chic women. It has the richness of a deeply coloured tulip.

If your eyebrows invariably bleach in the sun try smoothing them down with white vaseline before you go to play out of doors winter or summer. The vaseline prevents them from bleaching just as oil prevents your skin from burning. They look sleek to boot!

Vaseline applied on lashes and brows before a swim is a good trick too for vaseline is water repellent. They will look long, dark and heavy when you emerge from the briny deep!

Astringent Bleach

Here is an astringent wash which corrects coarse pores, remedies oily skin and bleaches discoloured skin. Apply with a sponge each night and morning on face and any part of the body. Cucumber juice one and one-half ounce, Tincture of Benzoin one-half ounce, cologne one ounce and elderflower water five ounces. Put the Tincture of Benzoin in an eight ounce bottle, add the other ingredients previously mixed and shake well.

If your hair is naturally curly dress it simply — don't strive for an elaborate coiffure. The beauty

careless about your skin care. Keep your face thoroughly cleaned each day with a bland soap and water washing, and a cream cleansing if needed. Never apply one coat of make-up over a tired coat of make-up unless you wish to invite a whole crop of unlovely blemishes. Use your make-up aids sparingly — remember they are meant to enhance your natural beauty not to substitute for it! Young things should reserve detailed make-up for gala parties—the rest of the time lipstick should suffice.

of your hair polished to a sheen through careful grooming is sufficient. Keep your complexion youthfully aglow and free of all blemishes and wear make-up to flatter your natural colouring.

Your Hands

No woman looks perfectly groomed if her hands are neglected. The skin should be soft and free of stains. The nails should be free of cuticle hangnails and the polish unchipped. With a little practice you can learn to change your polish in a jiffy. Fresh polish, evenly applied gives your hands a well-cared for look. It is important to use the "base" liquid of the same brand as your lacquer polish.

To look fresh as a daisy and perfectly groomed observe these rules of make-up: Keep your eye-brows trim by plucking the stragglers; touch the faded ends of your lashes with a little darkening; use a foundation cream or lotion to keep your make-up intact; match your powder to your current skin tone; wear no rouge during the daytime or just a speck artfully blended with your foundation cream; keep your lip outline even. Smudged lips ruin the beauty of many faces. See that your neck is powdered too. Keep your hair tidy.

Have A Dressing Table

With all your beauty aids assembled at your dressing table, grooming is very much simplified. You can make your own dressing table if you haven't one. Begin with an ordinary table. Tack on a ruffled or pleated skirt and hang a mirror on the wall above or place a small standing mirror in the centre of the table. Buy two cardboard cabinets with drawers and place under the skirt.

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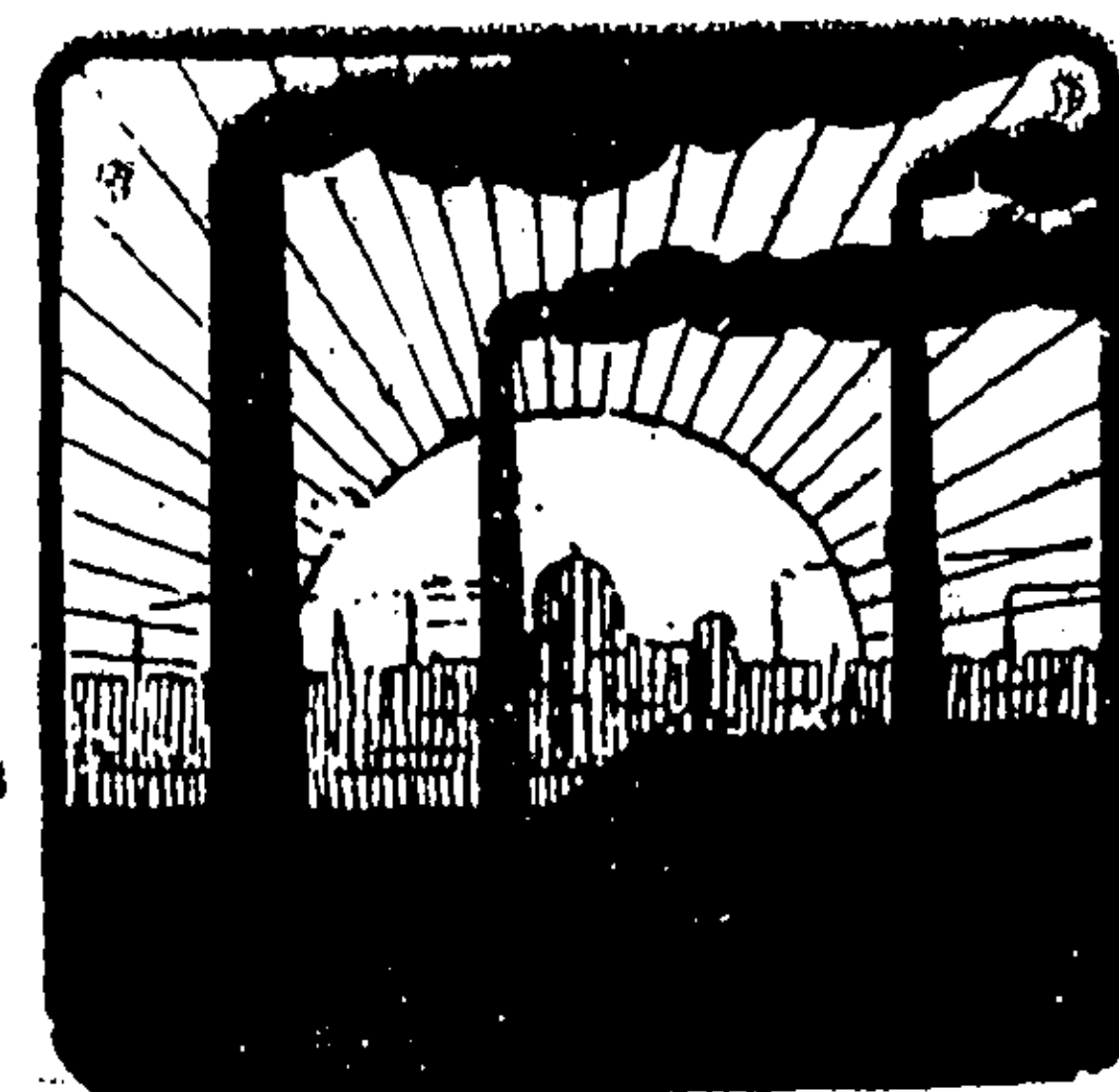
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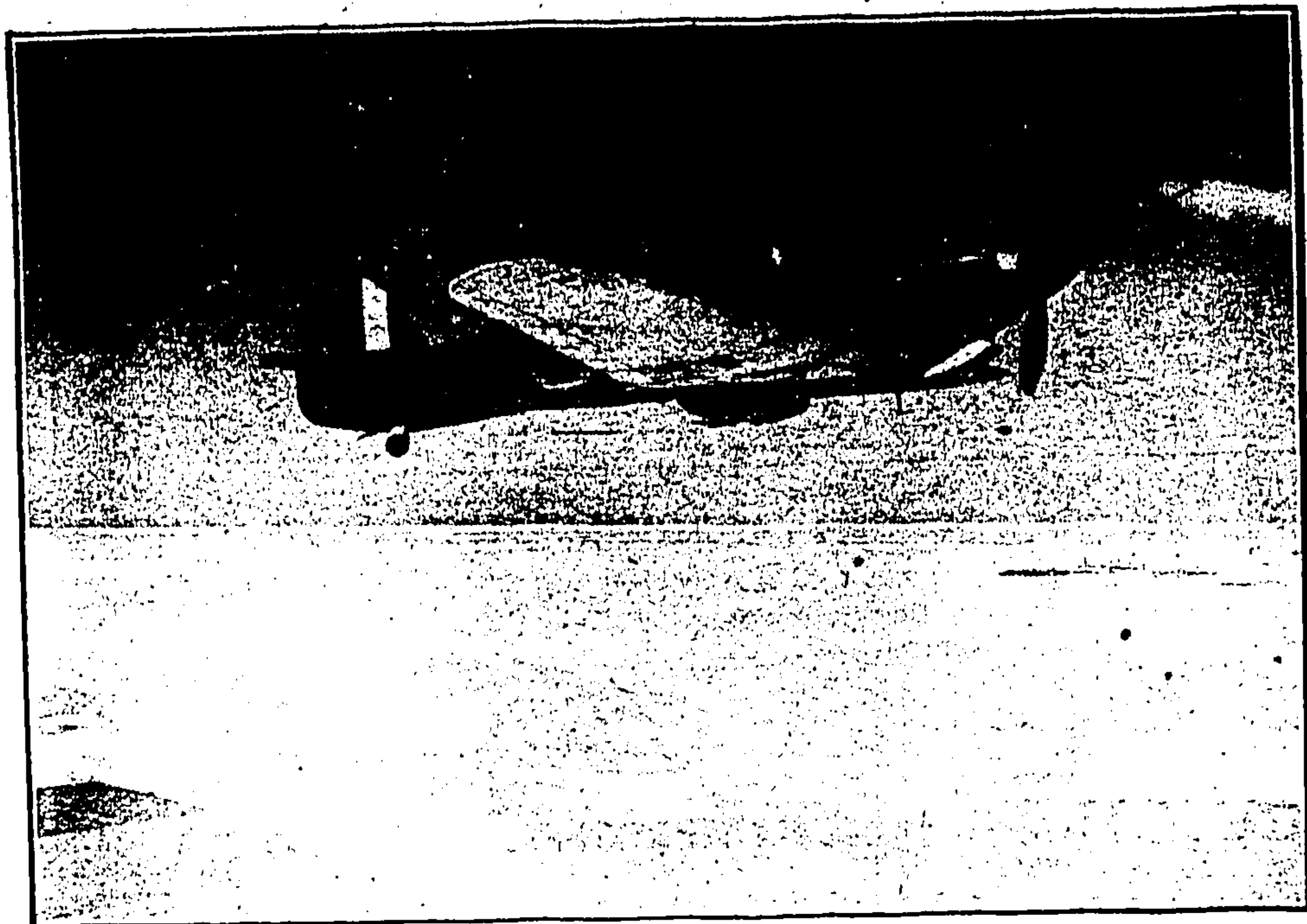
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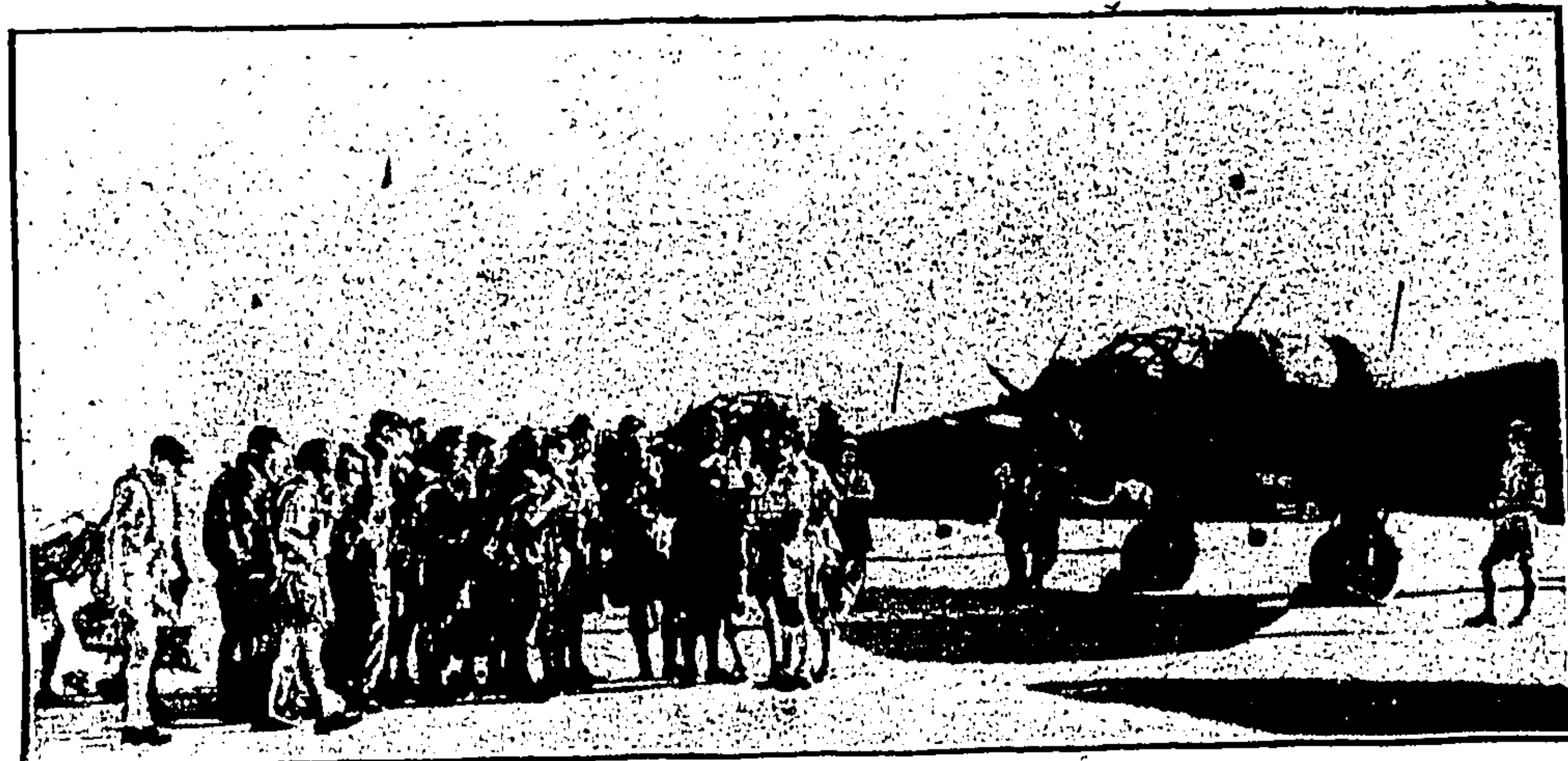
The Allied Victors Of Libya



A Hurricane patrolling the desert in search of low flying enemy aircraft. (Copyright, Fox).



WITH THE FREE FRENCH FORCES.—The Unit Commander discusses an item with Officers of the Unit. (Copyright Fox).



THE R.A.F. AT WORK IN THE WESTERN DESERT.—Blenheim bomber pilots chatting on their desert aerodrome before taking off on a raid. (Copyright, Fox).



A sandbagging party at work. (Copyright, Fox).



The guard at a French camp in the desert. The notices show that gaiety is not lacking even though combined with caution. (Copyright, Fox).



Wrecked buildings in Dova being inspected after a recent heavy bombardment. (Copyright, Fox).

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MISSING
IN FIRE

Several children are missing and, it is feared, may have been burned to death as a result of a fire which broke out at No. 18, Portland Street, this morning, at 8.20 a.m.

People living opposite the house saw flames leaping from the verandah of the first floor and immediately summoned the fire brigade and police.

Fanned by the wind, the fire spread into the house and soon enveloped the adjoining house, No. 20.

Two fire engines arrived and soon had the outbreak under control, preventing it from spreading further.

The majority of the occupants of the houses managed to escape, but several children are missing and their whereabouts are still unknown.

The first and second floors of the two buildings were completely gutted and police, under Inspector Wright, have thrown a cordon around the area.

Two Bodies Found

Two burned corpses—one of a woman and the other of a child—have been found by the fire brigade on the first floor of No. 18, Portland Street.

SHIP SUNK
BY GUNFIRE

The British submarine Sealion has destroyed a Norwegian ship of about 1,500 tons operating under German control off the Norwegian coast.

An Admiralty communiqué announcing this says Sealion allowed 15 minutes while the crew abandoned the Norwegian ship, and then sunk her by gunfire.

Her crew were quite safe in lifeboats as she was very close to land when abandoned.—Reuter.

The vessel was stopped and Sealion made signal instructions to the men to abandon ship. The master of the steamer replied by signal "Thank you."—British Wireless.

SIXTEEN NAZIS
KILLED NEAR ZLIN

Sixteen German police officers were drowned when a German lorry in the Czech Protectorate near Zlin (Moravia) fell into the river, says a Prague despatch to the official German news agency. The German version of the incident says it was due to the failure of the brakes.—Reuter.

JAPANESE
FORCES MOVING
SOUTHWARD

Japanese army contingents are being transported southward from Formosa and even from Japan itself, according to confirmed reports, says a Shanghai telegram to the Dow Jones agency in New York.

The troops are presumably bound for Hainan or northern Indo-China, the report adds.—Reuter.

ITALY
MAKES IT
UNANIMOUS

Italy's reply to the Japanese offer of mediation is that the Axis powers are determined to continue the war until final victory.

"Rome circles," says the official Stefani agency, "affirm that it is understood that the Japanese spokesman's words are intended to emphasise Japan's desire for peace and do not mean there is any possibility of mediation between the European belligerents."

"It is categorically declared that the Axis powers remain in the position several times stated; that is, they are firmly determined to continue the war until final victory."—Reuter.

EX-KING ALFONSO

Ex-King Alfonso of Spain, who is lying ill in Rome, passed a restless day yesterday, it was announced.—Reuter.

First Real Stand
For A Decade

THE NEW YORK "POST" yesterday hailed the arrival of Australian troops in Singapore as the first action by the Democracies for a decade against Japanese aggression, says Reuter.

Repudiation Of
Ankara Pact
Inference

A SUGGESTION THAT, in virtue of her agreement with Turkey, Bulgaria will allow German troops to cross her territory, was refuted in the Turkish newspaper "Yakit" yesterday.

It says: "Certain people think that the signing of the Ankara pact means that Bulgaria has secured Turkey's neutrality, with a view to allowing the passage of German troops through Bulgarian territory."

"Without hesitation the Turks reply 'No'."

"There is irrefutable proof that Bulgaria, by signing the declaration, unreservedly recognises Anglo-Turk and Turco-Greek friendship and alliances."

M. Vatchin, a Deputy, writing in "Yenisabah," emphasises that the Anglo-Turkish Alliance is immutable and declares that the war of nerves which the Axis has launched in the Balkans will be scattered before the fortress-like strength of Turkey. "Continuous contacts with Britain during difficult moments have

led to friendship, mutual respect and confidence between the two countries becoming deeply rooted."

"To-day, as hitherto, the Turkish people follows the same path as the British, always remaining sincere friends in good and bad days and allies with the same ideals."—Reuter.

Basis of Policy

Turkey has made the Anglo-Turkish Alliance her "national and permanent policy," declared the Turkish newspaper "Aksham" yesterday, according to Ankara radio.

The paper, commenting on the Turco-Bulgar declaration, added: "If foreign circles have thought it might be possible for the Turks to act in a manner contrary to the stipulation of this alliance (with Britain) they are greatly mistaken."—Reuter.

MATSUOKA
AT WAR
OF WITS

Commenting on the Japanese offer of mediation the "Hindu Nationalist," of Madras, yesterday declared that "for a country which has been waging war in China for ten years to offer to work for peace is hypocritical."

The paper adds: "It is difficult to believe that Japan is animated by a genuine desire for peace, for in that case she must set an example herself by stopping her aggression against China."

The "Free Press," another Nationalist organ, says that if Hitler is carrying on a war of nerves against his enemies, Mr. Matsuoka is carrying on a war of wits.

While the former's moves are blatant and terrific, the latter's are subtle and intriguing.—Reuter.

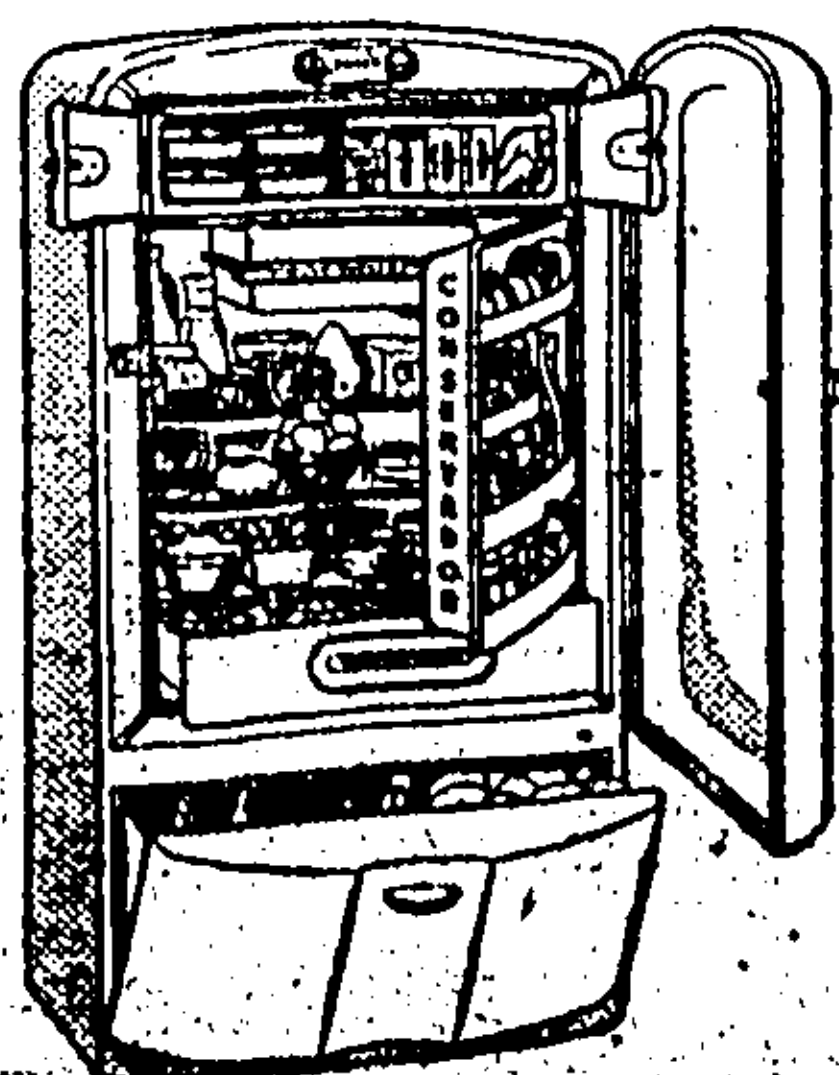
H.M.S. CRISPIN
LOST

H.M.S. CRISPIN, AN ARMED AUXILIARY VESSEL OF THE ROYAL NAVY, HAS BEEN SUNK, THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Next of kin of casualties have been informed.

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"THE MOST ROMANTIC fraternity in arms that this world has ever witnessed," was the description given yesterday by Lord Croft, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War, to the British forces in the Middle East and Africa, fighting over a front extending for 2,500 miles.

Lord Croft was speaking at a luncheon given by the Overseas League to Empire press correspondents in Britain.

"May I remind you," he said, "that it was a mixed force of British and Indian troops who struck the first fateful blow at Sidi Barrani; that at Bardia and Tobruk it was an Imperial and Australian force which had pride of place, along with the Royal Armoured Corps, and whilst the Armoured Corps in its amazing forced march routed the defenders of Benghazi from their bases, the Australians swept along by the coast road and completed the job."

"In this army are British Guardsmen and riflemen and numerous units of the Line—English, Highlanders and Welsh. New Zealanders are there and famous British cavalry regiments have added lustre to their great records of the past by showing themselves past masters of the war of speed."

"British Artillery, Engineers and the Royal Army Service Corps are there and the latter have been aided in the supply service by Cypriots, who for the first time fight on the British side."

In Eritrea

"South-east to Eritrea you find in the extreme north British troops advancing near the coast and threatening the Italian right flank."

"A hundred miles to the south British and Indian troops have made dramatic advances from the Sudan, capturing Kassala, Biela and Agordat, and are attacking the immensely strong position of Keron."

"Further south British and Indian troops have captured Barentu and are still advancing."

"A fourth force of British, Imperial and Sudanese troops finally captured Gallabat and is advancing towards Gondar."

"A further 600 miles on, South African troops have advanced east of Lake Rudolf, penetrating deep into Abyssinia, and have, with Rhodesians and King's African Rifles, cleared all Kenya of the enemy and are thrusting north."

"Finally, 600 miles further east, troops of the Gold Coast, with the King's African Rifles, have conquered a great area of Italian Somaliland and have captured the important port of Kismayu and are now on the line of the River Juba."

Real Answer To Hitler

"When we remember that Canadian divisions and New Zealanders, with gunners from Newfoundland, are standing here at a vital part of this struggle to meet the first shock of invasion, that Australians and Imperial troops are reinforcing Singapore, that squadrons of Dominion airmen are sharing the highest honours of the heavens with the flower of the Old Country's youth, and that from the great Imperial centre of Canada they are coming and will yet come in their scores of thou-

sands, you have a real answer to Hitler—a brotherhood of free men in arms, inspired by a common faith and fighting for the common freedom that they prize above all."

"This is the real 'new order'—a comradeship so close united that it marches steadily through the Valley of Death so that the British Empire and civilisation as a whole may survive and triumph over the foul evil thing which seeks to destroy the soul of man."—Reuter.

NOT FIT FOR NAZI EYES!

It is estimated in New York that Americans are spending \$11,000 daily on receiver-to-pay telegrams to the German Propaganda Ministry in response to the Nazi broadcast invitation to state the kind of programmes they would like to hear from Germany.

A telegraph official stated yesterday that about 5,000 radio programmes are despatched to Berlin daily.

He said "a good proportion" of messages received had been rejected as they were too obscene or profane, while "a larger proportion" of those despatched have shown "distinct animosity."—Reuter.

A.R.P. MEASURES IN SYDNEY

The Empire's preparedness for any eventuality is seen in a Dominions Office statement yesterday that air raid precautions in New South Wales will include the building of 13 shelters in Sydney, each accommodating 50 persons. Equipment will also be provided for first-aid posts, while a bomb-proof stronghold 60 feet underground will be built in Sydney as a control centre for A.R.P. services.—British Wireless.

QUIET ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Gilt-edged securities advanced on the London Stock Exchange yesterday on fair buying and selling on Cape and local support, while there was some demand for Indian loans, but elsewhere conditions were mostly quiet. In-



The Yadavindra Infantry of Patiala State which received its new Colours from His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala left for somewhere on active service the following day. This is yet another infantry regiment which the Patiala Government has been able to so far send to the aid of the British. Photo shows His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala inspecting troops prior to their departure. (Copyright, Fox).

HIN SANG LAUNCH AT KOWLOON

BUILT FOR THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, A 4,200-TON MOTOR VESSEL, THE "HIN SANG" WAS LAUNCHED AT KOWLOON DOCK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, LADY GRAYBURN, WIFE OF SIR VANDELEUR GRAYBURN, CHIEF MANAGER OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, PERFORMING THE CRISTENING CEREMONY.

Some 250 guests were present including Sir David Owen, who is in the Colony to investigate harbour facilities.

The vessel has been specially designed to carry timber and firewood and "one of her first jobs will probably be collecting firewood for the Colony," according to the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Chairman of the Dock Company, in a brief speech.

Among others present at the ceremony were:

Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith (representing the Acting Governor), Major-General A. E. Grasett, Capt. A. C. Collinson (Commander), Hon. Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. W. J. Currie, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. and Mrs. W. N. Thomas Tam, Sir Elly Kadoorie, Major and Mrs. Manners, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. and Mrs. Eu Tong-sen, Mr. J. K. Bousfield, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Major and Mrs. R. D. Walker, Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield.

BELGIUM'S PLIGHT

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN BELGIUM IS DESCRIBED AS "CATASTROPHIC" ACCORDING TO TRAVELLERS ARRIVING IN SPAIN, SAYS INBEL (THE FREE BELGIAN NEWS AGENCY) YESTERDAY.

The country has been pillaged and stripped bare by the occupying forces.

The position is worse than that which existed in Spain during the Civil War, travellers declare. Spinning mills are idle owing to lack of wool.—Reuter.

dustrials were inclined to be dull, with textiles heavy and home rails eased appreciably on profit-taking, but oils improved. Among foreign issues Argentines and Brazilians tended to be easier. Wall Street was quietly firm.—Reuter.

ELEVEN ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

BOMBER AND FIGHTER UNITS of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, the South African Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force brought yesterday's bag of enemy aircraft to 11, in addition to two further machines brought down the day before during engagements or bombing operations.

All yesterday's victims were Italian except one Heinkel machine.

Three Hurricanes engaged a formation of Heinkels on Wednesday and of the two British planes missing one is safe.

South African Air Force units destroyed 10 Italian aircraft during an attack on an aerodrome in the Asmara (Eritrea) area, while one Heinkel was brought down during an enemy raid on Benghazi, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

It is now confirmed that Australian fighters on Wednesday shot down two additional Junkers machines.

In an attack on Asmara aerodrome buildings and hangars were hit while a transport park and repair ships at Dessie (Abyssinia), as well as moving troops on roads, were heavily bombed, law, columns of black smoke pouring up from the ravaged workshops.—Reuter.

Lord Moyne, Secretary for Colonies, has gratefully acknowledged the gift.—Reuter.

BRITISH FASCIST IN AIR MINISTRY

Surprise that people in sympathy with the British Union of Fascists should be employed in the Air Ministry was expressed by Mr. Justice Cassels at York Assizes when he sent Thomas Hubert Beckett, 35-year-old architect, to penal servitude for three years.

"It has been disclosed," the judge said to Beckett, "that you were not the only individual employed in the Air Ministry who had such sympathies, but there it is."

"You were there, and you have been convicted of making ill use

ERSATZ SPECIAL

Tulip coffee is the latest Nazi ersatz speciality.

According to the "Frijs Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, Dutch bulb growers are exceedingly busy because the Germans are using about 5,000 tons of bulbs to make "coffee" for Dutch consumption.

The bulbs, with the exception of hyacinths and narcissi, which apparently have a poisonous content, are cut in small pieces and roasted to the correct colour, chicory is added and it is found that a further addition of a small quantity of pure coffee makes the concoction taste better.—Reuter.

of your position by obtaining a plan which showed the position of certain aerodromes, and also by drawing up a list of aerodromes which was described by witnesses as being so up-to-date that some of the places had only just been started."

The judge added that "it must come as an astonishing fact that information such as Beckett had been found guilty of obtaining had been obtained by him so easily."

PRELUDE TO NEW OPERATIONS?

C.I.G.S. And Mr. Anthony Eden Fly To Cairo

Time Ripe For Review Of Position

IT WAS LEARNED in London yesterday that Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, the C.I.G.S., who have arrived in Cairo, left Britain by air several days ago.

It is pointed out that this is Mr. Eden's third visit to Egypt since the outbreak of war. He went there a year ago to welcome the first Australian contingent, and last November he flew to Egypt again to discuss matters with General Wavell and to inspect personally the operations in North and East Africa.

Commenting on the arrival of Mr. Eden and General Dill, a spokesman of the British Embassy in Cairo told Reuters yesterday: "The time is ripe for a full review of the political and military situation in the Middle East and Africa as an outcome of the brilliant victory of the Army of the Nile."

"The War Cabinet has shown the importance attached to this review by sending the Foreign Secretary as their representative assisted by the Cabinet's chief military adviser."

"There is no doubt that there will be full consultations with military leaders in the Middle East and other authorities."

Natural Selection

"It will clearly be very useful to the War Cabinet that one of their members has had first-hand information about this theatre of war."

"In view of Mr. Eden's first visit to the Middle East, when War Minister, and his knowledge of the problems and personalities in this part of the world, his selection for the task was very natural."—Reuters.

WEAKNESS IN JAPAN'S TACTICS

The Soviet army paper "Red Star," commenting yesterday on what it calls Japan's "weak points" in what it terms the war of nerves between Japan and Britain and the United States, refers to Japan's military preparations and "movement southwards."

The paper says: "The weak and vulnerable points in these preparations were recently pointed out by Mr. Hiroo, president of a Japanese metal concern, who issued a reminder that Japan depends to a considerable extent on supplies of raw material from abroad."

"Mr. Hiroo's statement casts light on the motives for statements by Japanese diplomats in the peculiar war of nerves, going on between the Japanese and the Anglo-American bloc." Comparing these statements with the reported activities of the Japanese military authorities, the paper remarks that some foreign observers find a "certain division of labour" between the diplomatic and military departments in Japan.—Reuters.

CASUALTIES IN RAID ON LONDON HEAVY

It is now ascertained, says the Air Ministry, that the number killed in Wednesday night's raid on London was greater than at first thought. Reuters.

BRITISH NAVAL FORCE ENTERS BENGHAZI

(By Reuters' Special Correspondent with the British Mediterranean Fleet)

I HAVE JUST returned to harbour after spending ten days at sea on board a British warship in which we visited captured Italian ports and saw how the British lines of communication are being maintained as far as Benghazi.

We were the first naval force to enter Benghazi since its surrender.

Now that German planes are participating in the African campaign more determined efforts are to be made to disrupt British sea communications along the Libyan coast, but counter-measures by units of the Fleet have enabled a steady flow of men and materials while the reorganisation of the captured towns is proceeding apace.

Three German airmen, shot down while we were at Benghazi, are now on board this ship as prisoners, together with 350 Italian officers and 500 men. Outward bound we carried a number of Libyan volunteers, some of whom were exiles and others ex-prisoners now fighting on the British side.

Libyan Aid

A British officer told me how, during the advance beyond Derna, local Libyans rendered valuable service by dropping behind the retreating Italians and pointing out mined areas.

In some cases they actually built barricades in front of mines to prevent the British passing over before they had been warned.

Our first port of call was Tobruk, where the harbour was still full of sunken enemy derelicts.

Ashore, the arduous task of cleaning up the town was proceeding rapidly, while the native element gradually trailed home.—Reuters.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS BY R.A.F.

British fighters carried out some offensive patrol activity over the French coast during the day, it was officially announced in London last night.

Two British fighters are missing.—Reuters.

CHEERFUL PICTURE

AN "OPTIMISTIC PICTURE," ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, WAS GIVEN BY GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL, U.S. CHIEF OF STAFF, DISCUSSING THE GENERAL SITUATION IN REGARD TO NATIONAL DEFENCE AND AID FOR BRITAIN AT A SECRET SESSION OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY.

According to one report General Marshall told the Committee that the United States intends to reinforce the Pacific Fleet immediately with an unspecified number of the latest types of warplanes.

He described the situation in the Pacific as "serious."—Reuters.

CORRESPONDENCE HARDLY!

Sir,—I regret that due to a slip in the advance copies of my budget speech sent to the Press, I was reported as saying—"Rather should we endeavour to iron out the iniquities of the present War Revenue Ordinance."

The word I used in Council was iniquities.

As I was a member of last year's War Revenue Committee and helped to frame the Ordinance, I could hardly refer to its terms as iniquitous! I should be glad if you would publish this letter.

Yours truly,
S. H. DODWELL.

AUSTRALIA WILL BE THERE TO VICTORY

MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, ARRIVED IN ENGLAND BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WAR SITUATION.

Mr. Menzies told the press: "I am delighted to come to England, and say to the people of England, on behalf of the people of Australia, that we are on your side and you will never be beaten while there are any of us above the surface."

Principal purpose of his coming, he said, was to discuss with the British Government matters of common interest in war co-operation.

Referring to his visit to the Middle East he said he covered a range of country from Jerusalem to Benghazi and altogether flew about 3,500 miles in the Middle East, which was some indication of how fast the Australian forces were travelling.

He found them all in tremendous fettle. They regarded their operations against the Italians in the nature of a preliminary canter. What they wanted to do was to have a go at the Germans.

Belief In Victory

Mr. Menzies paid a tribute to the way in which the people of

Britain had taken the air attacks and said he brought from Australia "belief in victory and a definite assurance that so long as Australia has any resources of any description, Great Britain will not stand alone in this war."

Mr. Menzies wanted to be able to witness at first hand what was going on in Great Britain so he could return to Australia and help create a vivid impression of the truth in Great Britain.

He was "sure that the more clearly the truth was understood the greater would be the stimulus to Australia's own war effort."

Mr. Menzies added there was no doubt that Britain would win but she could not win completely unless they all produced a maximum all-round effort.—Reuters.

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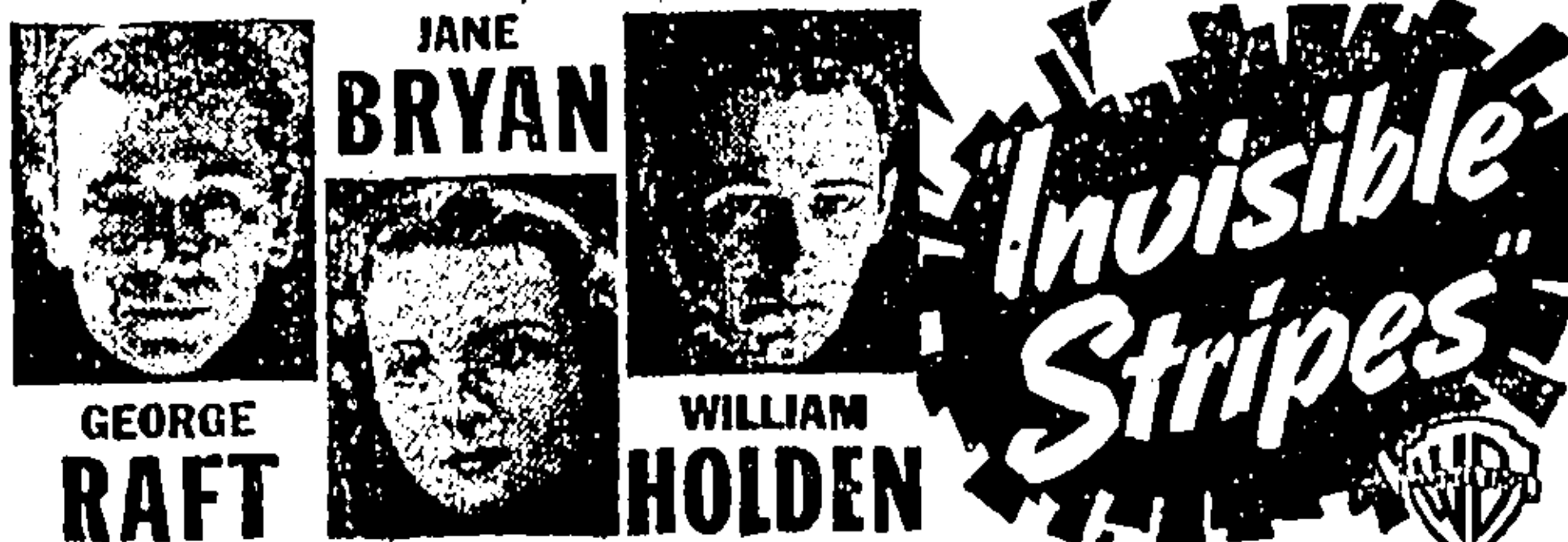
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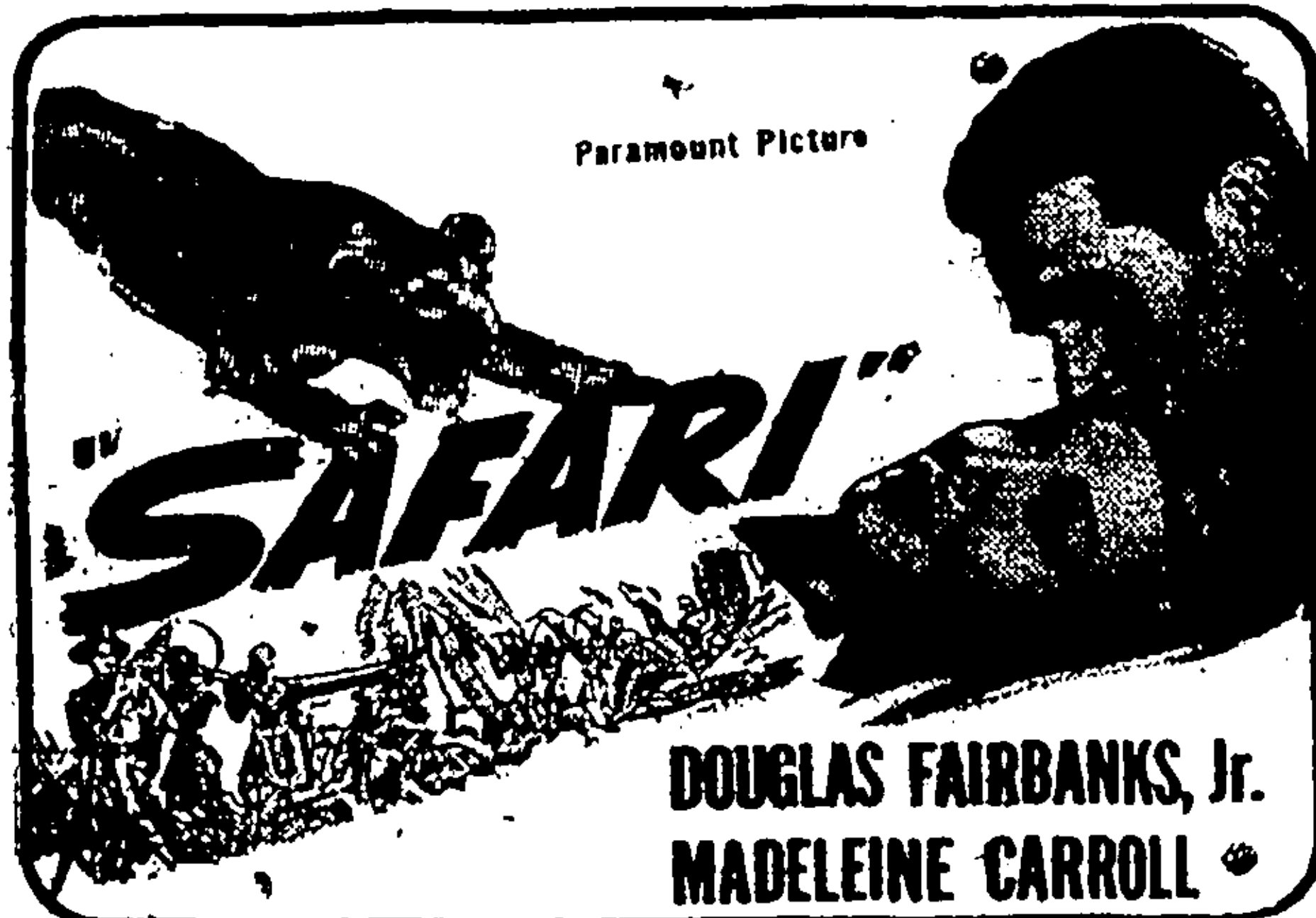
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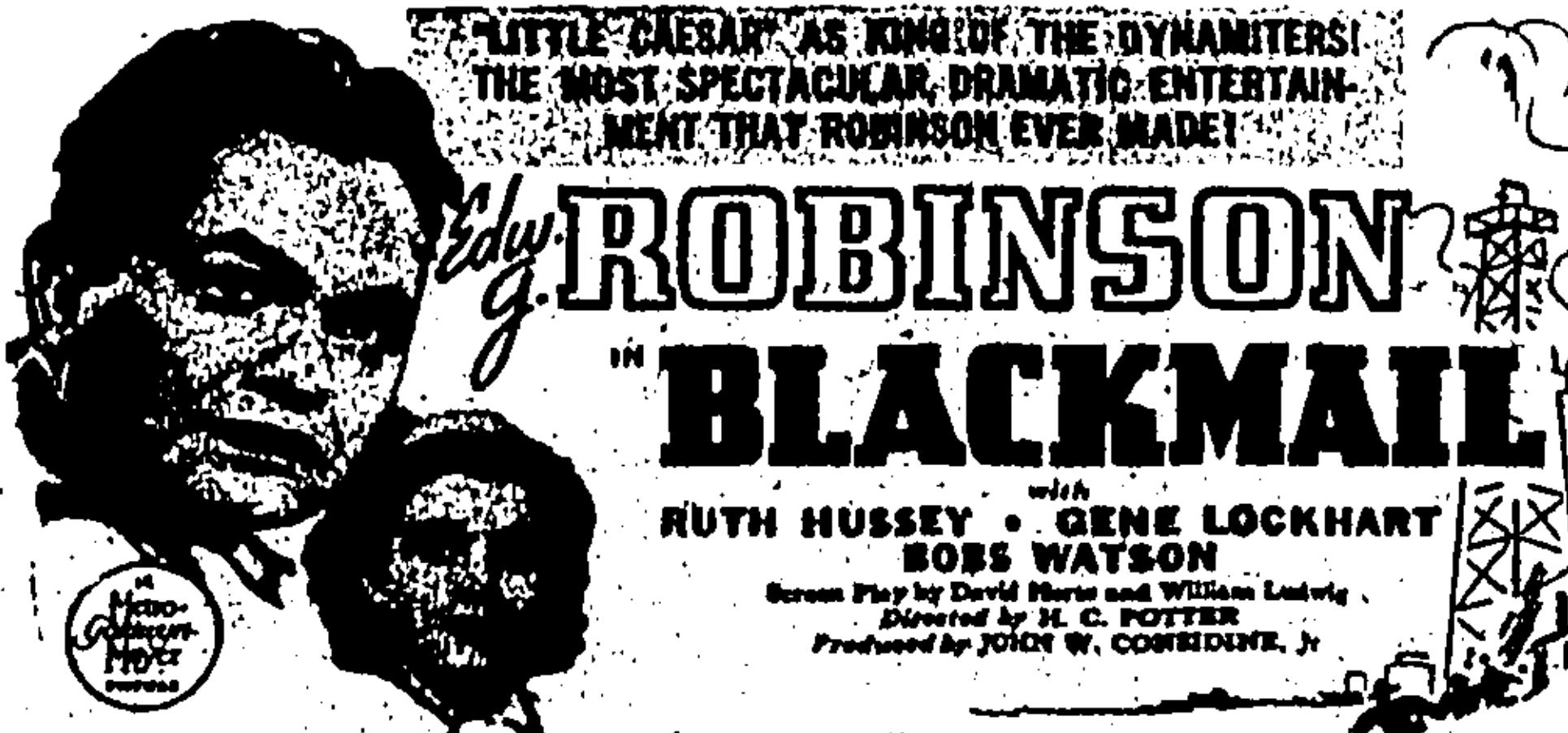
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LONDON TO-DAY A MINIATURE EUROPE

"WE HAVE HERE in London a miniature Europe and we wish consequently to adjust the law of our country to meet the international character of our capital," declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in moving the second reading of the Diplomatic Privileges Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Bill proposes, said Mr. Butler, to confer a position corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon the members and senior officials of the Allied Governments of Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government, as well as leaders and senior officials of the Free French movement established in Britain.

The British and other Governments will agree upon the names of individuals affected and the list will be published in the London Gazette.

Mr. Butler added that the protection accorded to diplomatic envoys to the Court of St. James should be extended to diplomats accredited to Allied Governments at present established in Britain.

Mr. Butler said London was the focus of resistance of a free Europe and the Bill would make Britain a real home of freedom for those determined representatives of national resistance.

The Bill was passed on the second reading.—Reuter.

SUNDAY CINEMAS

THE PROVISION OF REGULAR CINEMA, MUSIC HALL AND THEATRE ENTERTAINMENT ON SUNDAYS, WHERE THE NEEDS OF THE FIGHTING SERVICES AND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WARRANT IT, IS EXPECTED AS RESULT OF CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THIS QUESTION BY THE HOME SECRETARY, MR. HERBERT MORRISON.

Mr. Morrison stated, in reply to a Commons question yesterday, that it was proposed that Defence Regulation 42b, which empowers local authorities to adopt a simplified procedure for authorising the Sunday opening of cinemas where large numbers of troops are concentrated, to be amended to cover the needs of industrial workers.

Discretion would similarly be exercised regarding the opening of theatres and music halls.

The House would have an opportunity to debate the regulation.—British Wireless.

GOERING'S GIFT TO THE CAUSE

OF THE MANY HUNDREDS OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE CRASHED IN BRITAIN SOME THIRTY HAVE BEEN SALVED IN SUFFICIENTLY GOOD CONDITION TO BE USED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES.

Altogether 115 such exhibitions have been organised by the Ministry of Aircraft Production and £22,500 raised from admission fees.

Apart from this, the stimulus supplied to local aircraft funds has benefited them by at least £50,000. In addition aluminium to the value of some £40,000 has been salvaged from wrecked ma-

CONSCRIPTION INTRODUCED IN MALTA

Conscription was introduced in Malta yesterday. The Governor is empowered to call all males between the ages of 18 and 41 for military service.—Reuter.

BRITISH INTERNEES IN FRANCE

ANSWERING A QUESTION IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THE FOREIGN UNDER-SECRETARY SAID OFFICIAL INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT ALL BRITISH SUBJECTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE BORDEAUX AND NANTES DISTRICTS AND FROM DINARD AND DINAN, WHO ARE INTERNED IN OCCUPIED FRANCE, ARE CONCENTRATED AT THREE LOCALITIES—ST. DENIS, DRACY AND BESANCON.

There is, however, one small group of about 60 persons interned at St. Troys, about whom further information is awaited.

Many of the British subjects who were interned have now been released. In general they fall into categories of children up to sixteen years, mothers of children up to sixteen years, women over sixty years and elderly men.

There are now no indications as to where those who are released may live, with the exception of certain coastal areas. Consequently the majority of persons released have returned to their former homes.

Arrangements have now been made to provide internees in France with small sums of money to purchase necessities and the United States authorities have been authorised to incur expenditure on clothing and medical supplies.—British Wireless.

DR. CURRIE SOON LEAVING CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Dr. Lauchlin Currie returned to Chungking from Chengtu yesterday afternoon. He will be leaving for Hong Kong very soon.—Our Own Correspondent.

chines.

The Luftwaffe has therefore subscribed quite handsomely to the means for its own defeat.—British Wireless.

DISORDER IN PARIS MARKETS

Requisitioning of food-stuffs by the Germans has led to considerable disorder in large markets in Paris, according to messages received by the Independent French Agency in London yesterday.

These messages say that trouble at the central market was caused by the Germans making a clean sweep of all potatoes after women had been waiting in queues for hours.

As a collective punishment for the disturbance, the message adds, Parisians were deprived of potatoes for 40 days.

Similar disorders occurred at the meat market at La Vilette and again Paris as a whole was punished by a general withholding of supplies.

It is stated that milk is distributed sparingly to invalids and sick people, while coffee is unobtainable.

Grocers' shops bear the following legend: "The coffee we are roasting is not for sale. It is for the German troops."—Reuter.

GIFT BY RAJAH OF PERLIS

It was announced in London yesterday that the Rajah of Perlis, smallest State in the Malay Peninsula, has given £17,500 as a further contribution to the British government for war purposes, towards the cost of emergency defence expenditure. In the State, this being the fourth contribution which the State Government has made for this purpose.—British Wireless.

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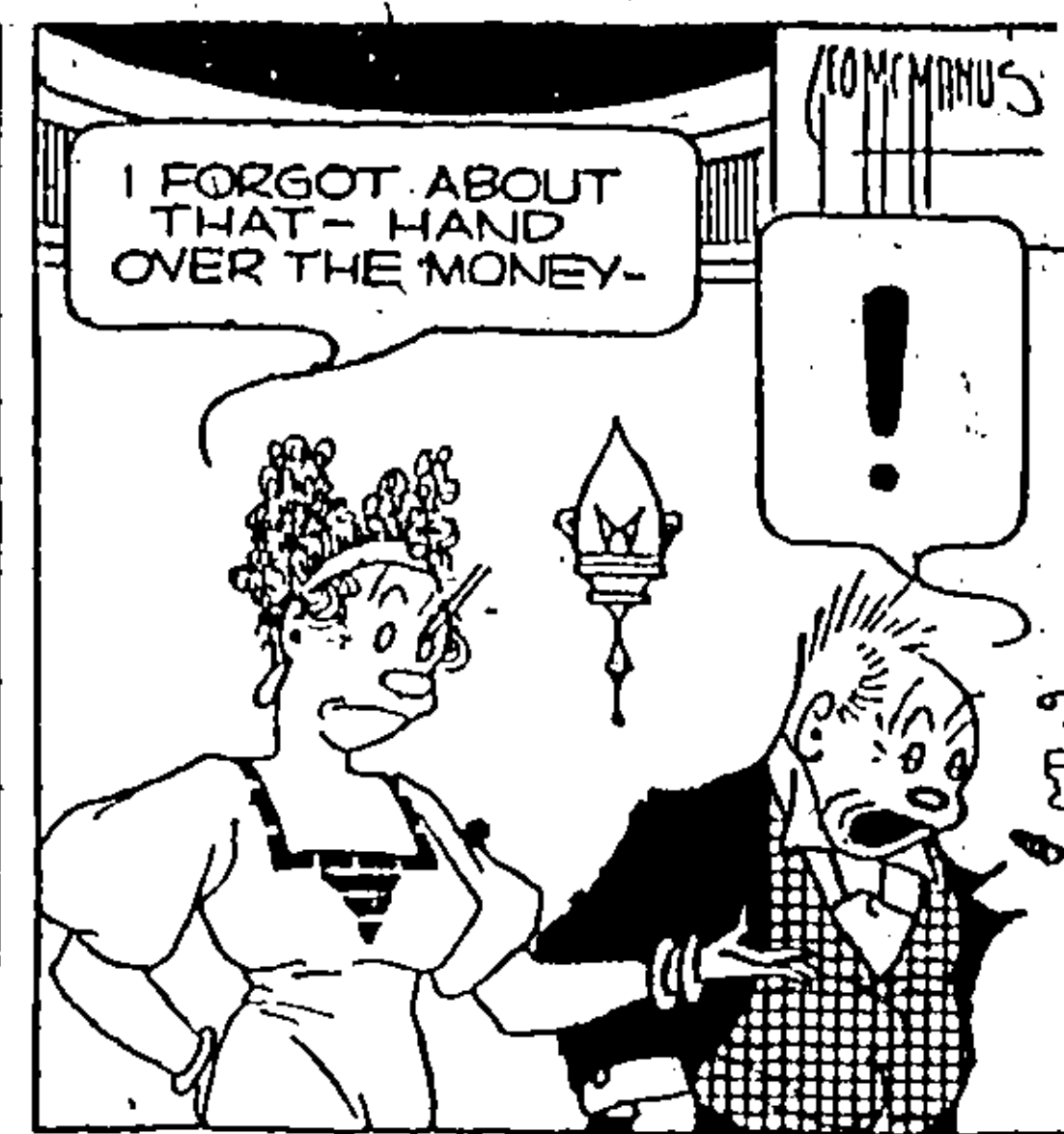
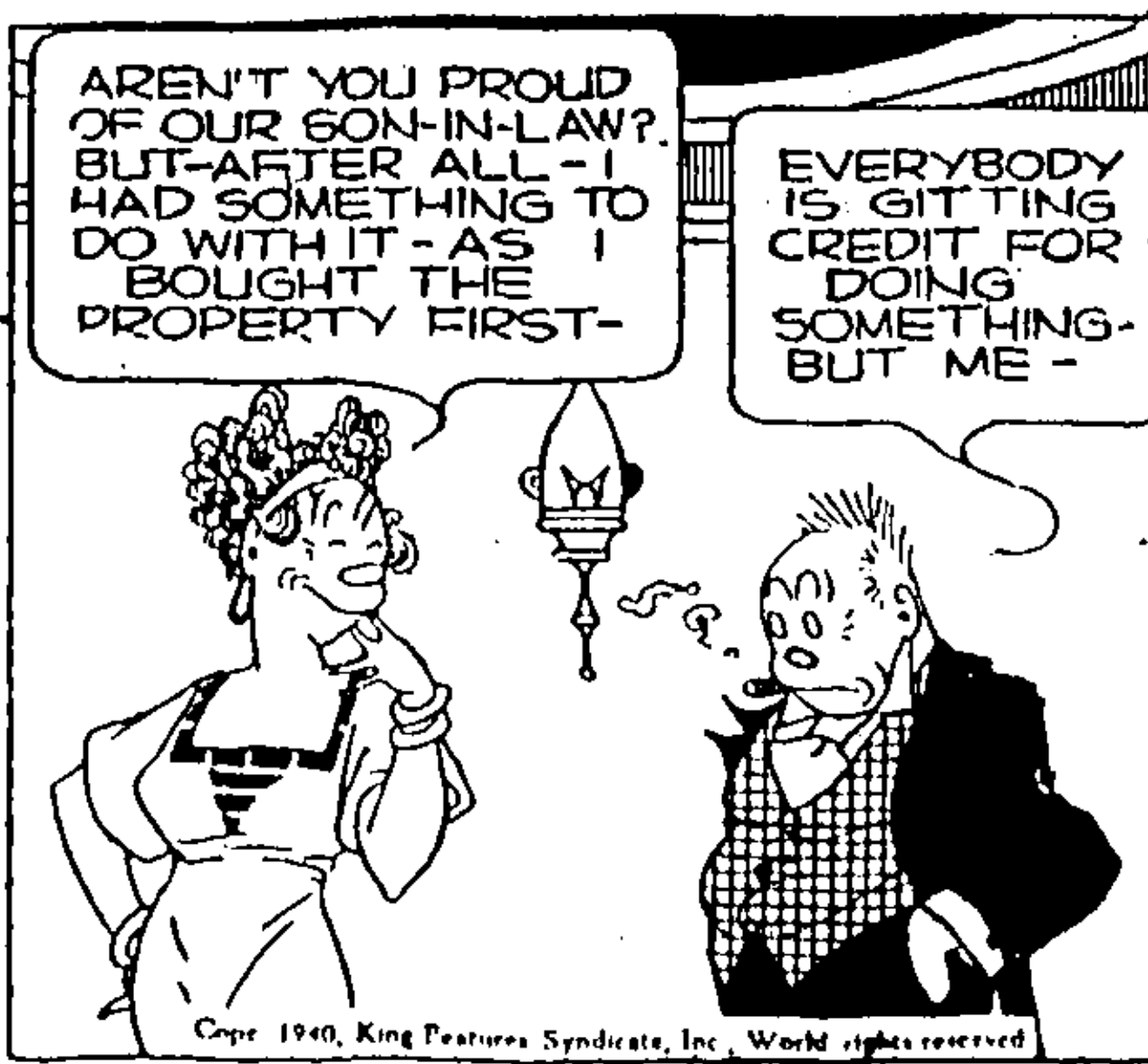
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After being trapped for two nights and days under his master's bombed home, a dog was rescued.

The dog, Bimbo, could be heard barking continually from his prison as his master, Mr. A. Tiranti, worked to free him, but there was not even a small space through which food or water could be passed.

At last the rescue squad were able to bore a hole through a 311 concrete foundation down which Mr. Tiranti was able to climb and rescue his pet.

His Tail Wagging

When Bimbo was carried to the surface he was very much alive and tail wagging, and a small crowd which had been standing vigil off and on throughout the dog's imprisonment cheered and rushed up to pat him.

Said Mr. Tiranti: "I could hear him barking, and my cat, who is also somewhere below the fallen house, was meowing. We can get some fish through to her now, and it will keep her going until we can free her, too."

Town Sang In Six-Hour Blitz

"BRISTOL HAS BEEN wiped out as a distributing centre and important railway junction. Great stocks of food destined for London were destroyed." —German News Agency.

Public shelters rang with community choruses, and people caught in churches and chapels sang for six hours as 100 German bombers rained incendiaries and high explosives on a western town—the main target for the Luftwaffe.

At a hall where a Recorder was conducting a service people sat on their seats, sang hour after hour and went home at the end of the raid unharmed.

"I must say," said the Recorder later, "that we did not sing only hymns. We even sang 'What Shall We Do with the Drunken Sailor?'"

Fires were started near a theatre where a concert was being held. A cafe and a clothing store blazed.

The casualty list, it is believed, will not be so heavy, considering the intensity of the

raid, in which the enemy did not use as many planes as in previous attacks on the Midlands.

The Germans claimed to have blown up a large gasometer in their attack on Bristol — "which falls within the same category as the raid on Coventry. Forty-five fires were seen."

Two night raiders were brought down in the sea.

'Mirror' Office Hit

Miss Barbara Nickalls, a reporter stationed in the Western town, phoned:—

With a photographer, Mr. C. Crayford, and a telephoto operator, Mr. C. Barrett, I was in the office when the first bombs fell.

We ran to the ground floor and found about ten women, many of them elderly looking for shelter. They had been at a meeting of a learned society.

We took them to the cellar. Just as we got there the first bomb hit us. The windows and doors of the building were blown in.

Venturing upstairs, I found we were ringed on three sides by fires. We waited in the cellar for over three hours.

Every now and again, Mr. Crayford or I went up to street level. A fireman played water on our building. He died as we shouted to him.

A second bomb hit us and suddenly I found the building was on fire above us.

I ran down the garden at the back and in a high wall fifty yards away found a stout door securely locked. For a moment it looked as though we were trapped, but I shouted to Mr. Crayford and he ran up from the cellar with a spade.

Out Of Trap

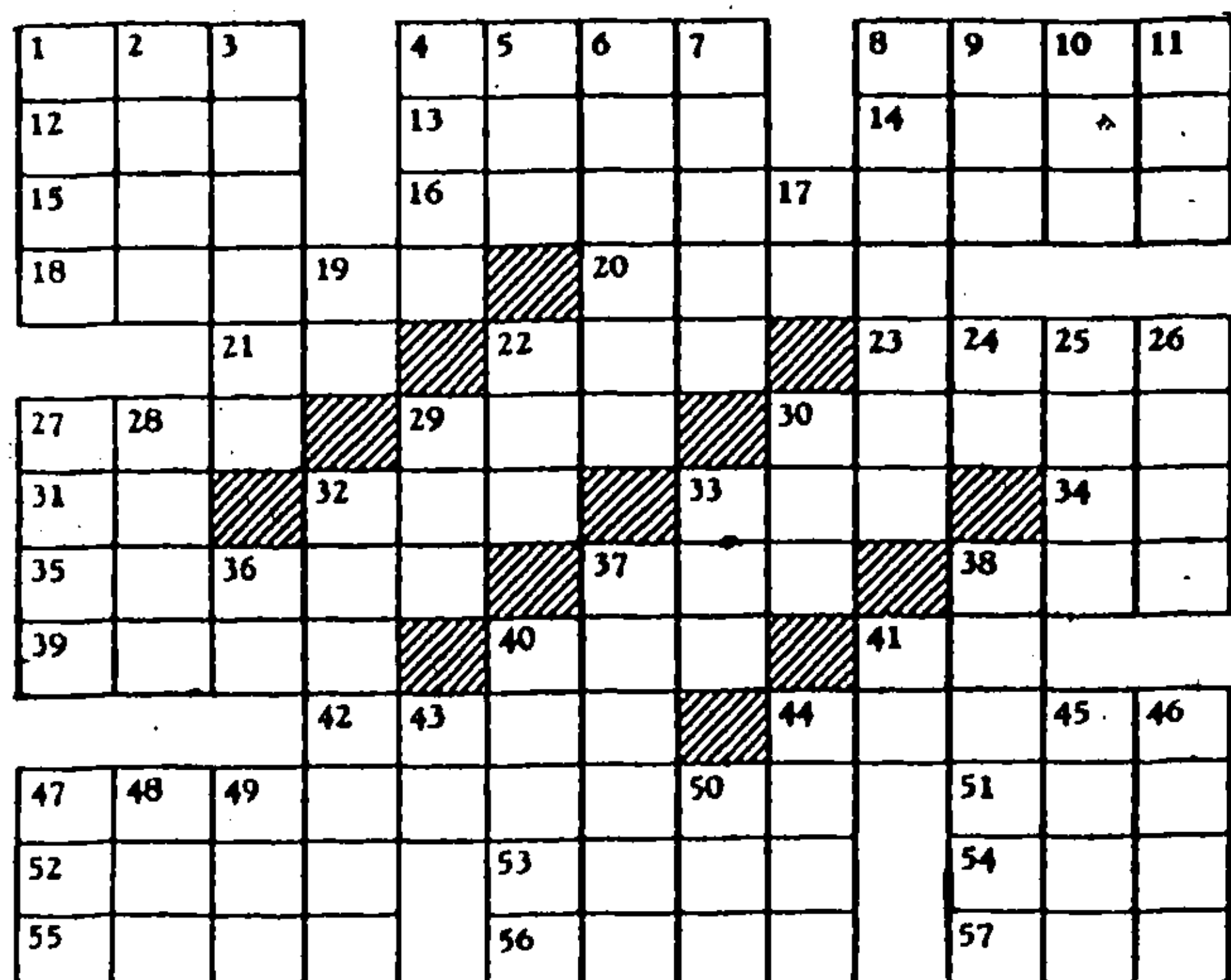
He attacked the top of the door while another girl and I tore at the bottom.

My coat was burning. I found a fork lying in the garden and prised open the foot of the door.

Mr. Crayford yelled, "Fall flat." We flung ourselves against the wall as three bombs fell a few feet away.

We attacked the door again, forced it open at last and went back to fetch the women from the cellar. I heard one say to another: "... and you really must come to my exhibition next week, dear."

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- 1 Resort
- 4 Hauls
- 8 Learned
- 12 Dawn goddess
- 13 Mine entrance
- 14 Epic poem
- 15 High mountain
- 16 Malignant
- 18 Long-handled shovel
- 20 Dross
- 21 Hawk-headed deity
- 22 Digit
- 23 Shoshonean Indian
- 27 Lettuce genus
- 29 To possess
- 30 To play carelessly
- 31 King of Bashan
- 32 Ancient tribal tax
- 33 Male child
- 34 Colloquial: mother
- 35 Fold
- 37 Crowd
- 38 Knave of clubs
- 39 Gull-like bird
- 40 Tibetan gazelle
- 41 Three-toed sloth
- 42 Mountain lake
- 44 Place of combat

- 47 Long, narrow raft
- 51 Corded cloth
- 52 To assist
- 53 Positive pole
- 54 Cry of a dove
- 55 Hindu prince
- 56 To examine
- 57 Termination

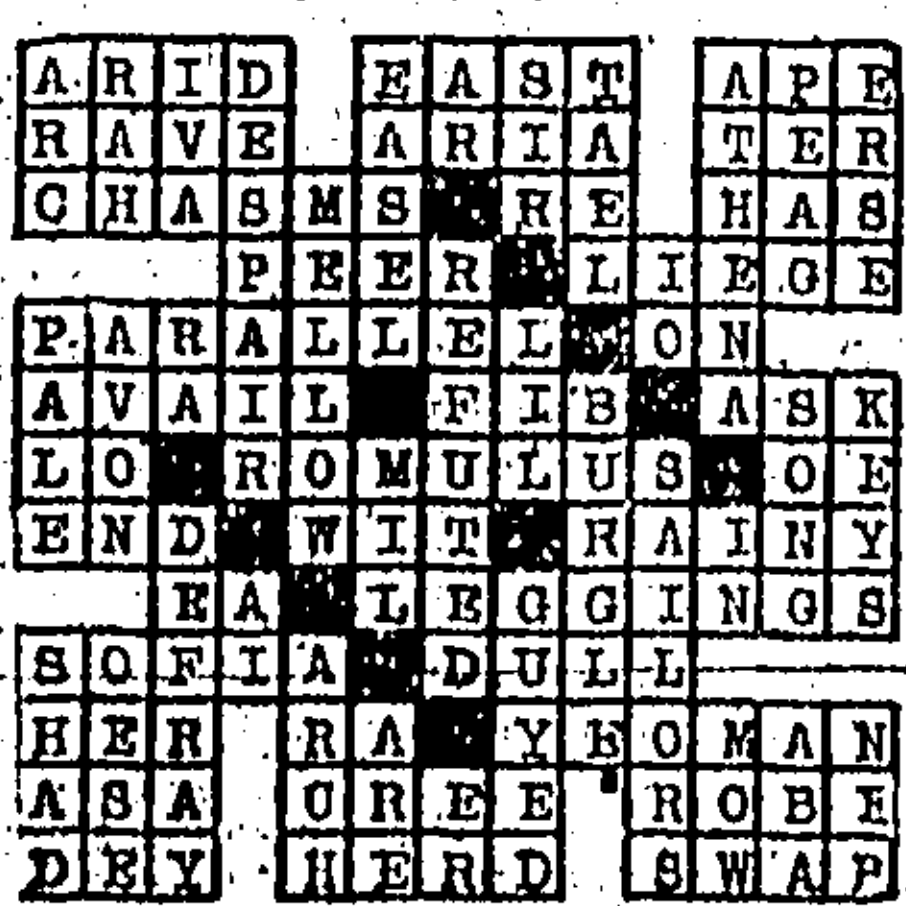
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- 7 Took unlawfully
- 8 Preposterous
- 9 Samoan mudworm
- 10 French coin
- 11 Worm
- 17 Symbol for deity

- 22 Duo
- 24 Conjunction
- 25 American carnivore
- 26 Moslem prayer leader
- 27 Descendant of native Egyptians
- 28 To look askance
- 29 Worthless leaving
- 30 To sigh convulsively
- 32 Choral composition
- 33 Feather neck-wrap
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- 37 U. S. President, 1817-1825
- 38 U. S. President, 1853-1857
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- 41 Land measure
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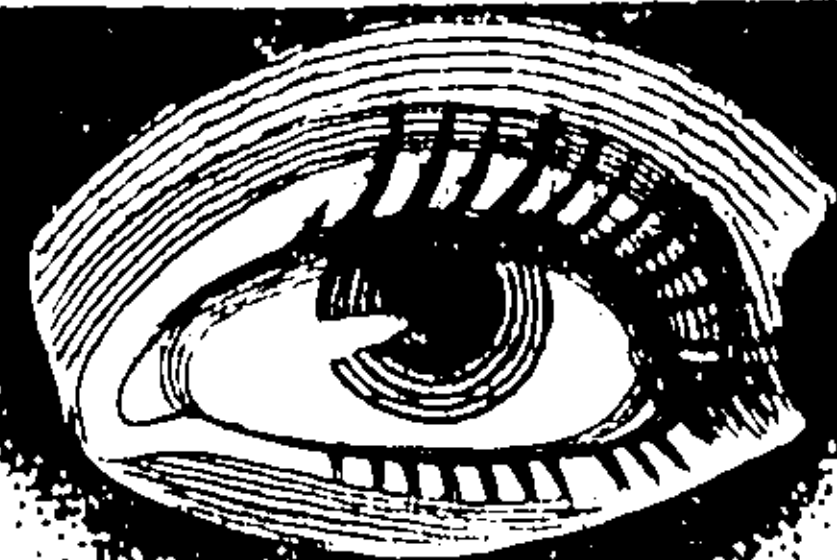
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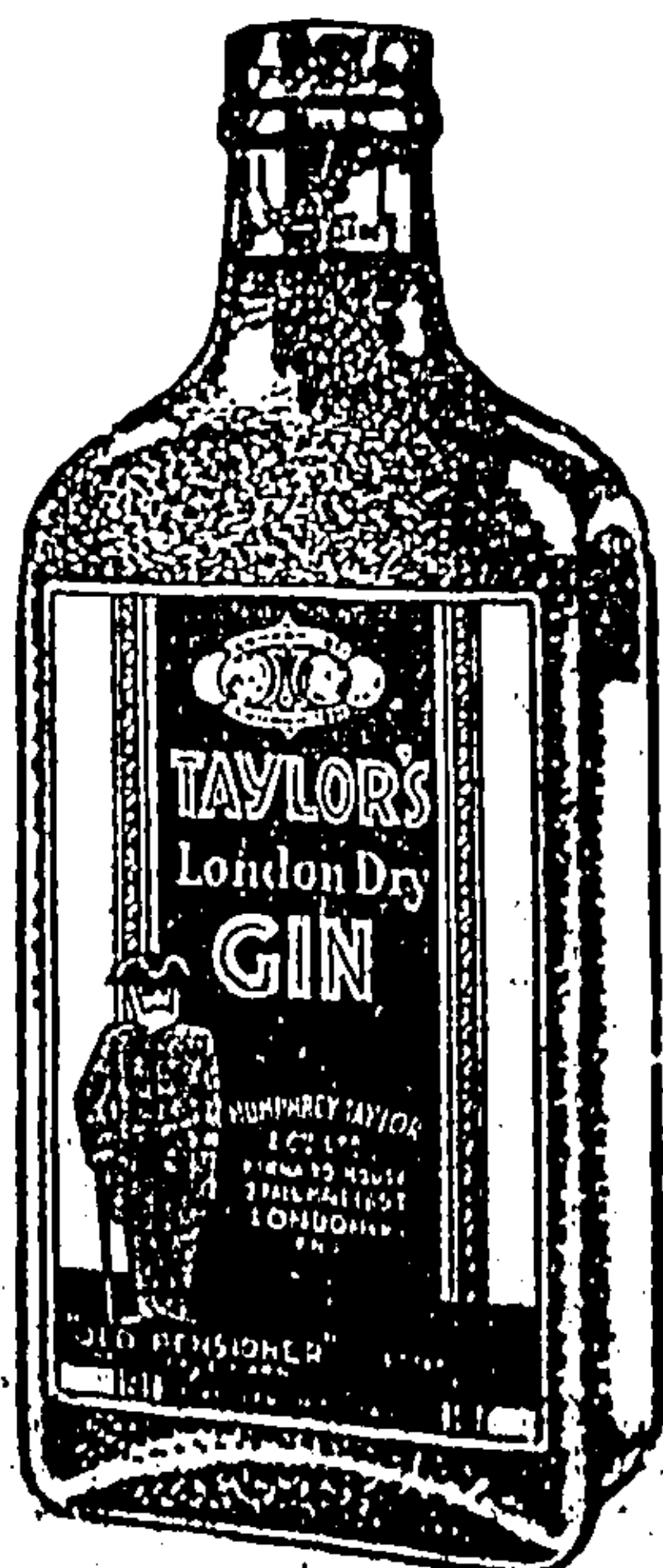
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COAST COMMAND PROTECTS OUR SHIPPING

A NEW PHASE in the work of the R.A.F. coastal commands has been opened now that British shipping is exposed to attack by Nazi medium and long-range bombers from aerodrome bases in occupied France. Squadrons guarding channel and north-western approaches have been strengthened.

Over these areas men of the coastal command keep watch, bomb and fight. Day after day coastal command pilots are out hunting down Focke Wulf Condors, which working from Bordeaux, are able to fly far out on British trade routes and the north-west coast of Ireland. This new challenge is only the last of a series which the coastal command has had to take up.

Attack now makes up for a large part of the work of the command. Night after night mine-laying aircraft go out to make estuaries and ports dangerous for enemy shipping. Another form of hitting back are the torpedo attacks on enemy ships. Coastal command torpedoes have sunk about 50,000 tons of enemy shipping. All in all, pilots and crews of the coastal command are doing one of Britain's biggest war jobs, often in the teeth of wicked weather. They maintain unceasing photographic and reconnaissance patrols to keep an eye on the invasion thermometer from Trondheim and Bordeaux. They help the British Navy to guard convoys bringing food and other snags of war. They attack enemy submarines whenever periscopes are seen. They bomb enemy coastal bases and attack enemy shipping.

Cooperation With Navy

The coastal command co-operates very closely with the Navy. Each service knows exactly what the other is doing. Throughout each day new information is transmitted to coastal command headquarters and to outlying stations and naval controllers work alongside the operation officers of the R.A.F. Now after seventeen months of war the coastal command has built up an impressive record.

During the first twelve months of the war coastal command aircraft flew 34 and half million miles—more than a thousand times the circumference of the world. From the beginning of the war and from the middle of January onward the command provided air escort for 4,700 convoys. The work meant 16,500 separate flights by aircraft.

During the past six months the average monthly time of flights on convoy duties has been approximately 5,300 hours. On anti-submarine duties as distinct from actual escorts with convoys the monthly average has been in the region of 1,500 hours.

Despite this enormous amount of work command pilots in the past six months have put in a monthly average of 3,200 hours on reconnaissance work. Old enemy submarines of the command have been hunted without respite since the war began. Up to the end of 1940, submarines were sighted on 260 occasions and attacked on 166.

Convoys are guarded from the air by day and by night when there is a moon. On these trips the crew of the Lockheed Hudson, an American-built aircraft, and land base plane, may fly 400 miles out in the Atlantic, perhaps never more than 1,500 feet above the sea. The weather may be foul, but the patrol goes on. Though a submarine may never show itself the very presence of aircraft often is enough to protect a convoy.

"Phoney War"

The work of the coastal command was planned, built up in pre-war days so that British sea trade could be safeguarded. But each major change in the war situation, has brought more and more different work. During the first few months of the war, when some people were calling it a "phoney War," the aircraft coastal command flew thousands of miles watching British ocean going and coastal convoys and keeping a lookout for German commerce raiders.

The first change came when the Germans obtained bases in Norway. Then British aircraft on their North Sea sweeps had to fly in the face of high performance fighter aircraft operating from a Norwegian aerodrome. The coastal command shared with the Navy the task of protecting our troopships and convoys bound for Norway. By June, 1940, attacks on aerodromes and harbours in Norway had been added to the work of the coastal command.

Reconnaissance Hudsons were up and bombed and dropped tons of explosives on bases in Stavanger, Bergen and other places. An attack was made on the shipping of food and British aircraft carried out further raids on aerodromes and communications in southern Norway and Denmark.

The evacuation from Dunkirk threw more work on to the shoulders of the coastal command. Aircraft originally intended to guard trade routes were thrown into the vital task of helping to cover the return of B.E.F. returning home. Then a fifth phase came with the Nazi air attacks on British shipping from bases in France.

Complete Air Force

The coastal command is virtually a complete air force in itself. Its five main types of aircraft—general reconnaissance, torpedo bombers, longrange fighters, bombers and photographic reconnaissance. The Dutch naval air services have been helping and Polish and Belgian pilots specially trained in the work of the coastal command. There are also formidable Sunderland squadrons of Royal Australian Air Force which have been operating from Britain for some months. Behind operational groups of command are training groups of the R.A.F. who give British pilots and crews the finest training in the world.

RECTOR ON 43 CHARGES

In a room crowded with many of his parishioners, some of them women, a fifty-year-old Bedfordshire rector faced remarkable accusations regarding his conduct in the parish, including allegations that he had often been under the influence of drink and had accosted women.

The Rev. W. H. Hopkin, Rector of Blunham, Beds, appeared at the St. Albans Consistory Court at Bedford on forty-three charges—seventeen connected with drinking, fifteen alleging that he resorted to taverns and ale houses, and eleven that he accosted females.

After an all-day hearing the court adjourned.

Mr. G. O. Slade, prosecuting on behalf of the Bishop of St. Albans, said that in the temporal court Mr. Hopkin was fined £15 and disqualified from driving for twelve months for being under the influence of drink while in charge of a car.

He wrote to the Bishop tendering his resignation, but had later applied to withdraw it.

Love Declaration

Mrs. Gladys Roberts, school mistress, of Blunham Church School, said that on December 11, 1939, she asked the rector to come to the school to sign the registers.

While he sat at the desk talking to her his words were slurred and she could not understand him.

She did hear him say, however, "I loved you ever since I first saw you." When he got up she noticed that he smelt strongly of alcohol. He put his hand on her back.

Replying to Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Roberts denied that she hated the rector. She neither liked nor disliked him.

Mr. A. E. Eggington, insurance manager, of St. Augustine's Road, Bedford, said Mr. Hopkin accosted him in an inn in 1939. Mr. Hopkin took him by the lapel of his coat and spoke in an excited manner about how he was being double-crossed by his friends.

Other witnesses said they had seen the rector in church apparently affected by drink.

Mr. H. Currant, licensee of The Horseshoes, Blunham, said that Mr. Hopkin patronised his house occasionally. He had come more frequently since his wife's death. He used to come in on about four or five days a week and he would treat the customers.

Mr. Currant said that Mr. Hopkin had seemed a very lonely man during the last few years. He had never seen anything wrong with the rector.

Giant U.S. Bomber Now Being Built

A BIG BOMBER with a range and load-carrying capacity which would enable it to fly across the Atlantic with a heavy cargo of bombs from the United States to Europe and return non-stop has been mentioned by the Chief of the United States Air Corps, General H. H. Arnold, states a message from Washington.

This machine is the Douglas B-19, which is in course of construction at the Douglas aircraft works at Burbank, California. It is a very large monoplane somewhat on the lines of the Boeing "Flying Fortress." It has a wing span of 120 feet, and when completed will have a gross weight of 70 tons, including a useful load of 28 tons.

Power is derived from four Wright Duplex Cyclone 18-cylinder engines, each developing 2,000 h.p. and driving 16ft. diameter three-blade air-screws. The construction of this machine is of metal throughout, and it will have a tricycle undercarriage, a new feature which is incorporated in

the American Boston bomber now being supplied to the R.A.F.

As a bomber the B-19 will carry a crew of ten, and the wireless operator's cabin will be made soundproof to give maximum efficiency in operation. Provision is made for maintenance and repairs to the engines while the aircraft is in flight by gangways inside the wing, and oxygen equipment will be installed for high-altitude flying. The supply will be sufficient for 100 hours.

It is calculated that this new Douglas bomber will fly at well over 200 miles an hour and will have a range in excess of 7,000 miles. General Arnold is reported to have said that when employed as a troop-carrier the B-19 could carry 100 men.

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BALKAN ALARMS

Wisest attitude to adopt regarding developments in the Balkans is to wait upon factual events. In the wealth of rumour, conjecture and guesswork there is so much that is plainly suspect, and more that needs to be accepted with the most cautious reserve. Impulse when the Bulgarian - Turkish declaration was announced was to jump to the conclusion that Turkey had succumbed to outside pressures. On the face of it, there appears to be conflict between Turkish professions and an agreement which would seem to immobilise policy in a Bulgarian crisis which, for the moment, did not directly affect Turkish territory. Britain and Greece have neither of them apparently found anything in the declaration with which to find fault, yet there are disturbing rumours.

For the moment, there is an absence of clue to the real outcome of the diplomatic battle now being waged in the Balkans. Only one thing is patently obvious, that Germany is engaged in an intense war of nerves which may have unfortunate consequences should morale break where it is least desirable.

After the events in Africa, and the powerful resistance of Greece, however, it would be astonishing if awe of the Axis had not substantially diminished.

After the Brenner conference last March, Hitler revealed that he had at his command a military machine of appalling efficiency, and Mussolini, his "good friend," basked in reflected glory. But now Il Duce's attempts to shine of his own light have proved sad failures; his bedraggled banners bear such names as Koritz, Sidi Barrani, Bardia, Benghazi, Taranto and Genoa; his troops, his planes and his ships have been outmanoeuvred and outfought; he has been reduced in a few months from the position of a victorious partner to that of humble suppliant. For his part, Der Fuehrer looks moodily at an England yet unconquered; at

On the morning of June 15, 1940, France was a democracy, a democracy at bay. It had a democratic government, responsible to an elected parliament, and, as its allies and the world thought, that government was fighting a war in defence of France and democracy against two totalitarian Powers. The head of the government, M. Reynaud, had only a few days before proclaimed, apparently with the approval of the representatives of the French people, that France would fight to the end and that, if need be, the government would continue the war from the colonies. On June 16 France ceased to be a democracy or to fight for democracy. M. Reynaud resigned and Marshal Petain, an octogenarian French version of Field-Marshal Hindenburg, formed a government of military men and Right-Wing politicians. An armistice was asked for in such a way that any further resistance was made impossible and France was placed entirely in German power. The obligations of France to her ally were ignored. The terms dictated by Germany and Italy were accepted. The Chamber and Senate were not summoned or consulted and we are now told that the Constitution of France is "revised" — in other words it is made authoritarian. All this has been done by a little group of men into whose hands "power" — the power to obey Germany and coerce France — has slipped by a political transaction conducted in secrecy behind the scenes. Marshal Petain has destroyed French democracy in war in much the same way as Marshal Hindenburg destroyed German democracy in peace.

Democracy, we have said, was at bay in France on June 15; it is at bay to-day in Britain and the British Empire. The vast majority of the people of these islands and of the Empire are, we believe, determined to defend their independence and their political liberties. But so were the vast majority of Frenchmen on June 15, yet on June 17 they were confronted by a *fait accompli*; no one now knows or will ever know what the will of the French people

a grandiose pact "lacing in" Fujiyama that failed even to deflect American policy; at a "new order" in Europe that still will not crystallise.

To recite these difficulties which Axis policy has encountered is not to deny the immense strength which the Axis still can wield. Both Italy and Germany have great power — power that may be exercised in any one of a number of directions with unpredictable results. Nevertheless, the fact remains that there is failure as well as success written down to the Axis account; the aura of inevitability that once seemed to invest every move of the partners has been dispelled. The world has been reminded, particularly by Il Duce, that these two men are but men — and all men are fallible.

was on the Monday when Marshal Petain asked for an armistice, for they had been deprived of the power to resist and of their liberties by an old soldier, a President, and a handful of politicians. These events are a warning to ourselves; we need to consider

By
Leonard Woolf

whether we have adequate defences of democracy, not only against the German armies, but against the kind of internal political transaction which has destroyed it in France.

Internal Defence

The internal defence of democracy depends largely upon free speech and a free press, but also to a great extent upon political methods and constitutional law. It is easy to over-estimate their importance, but it is fatal to under-estimate it. The idea that there is anything new in Nazism or Fascism, as a method of government, is a delusion sedulously encouraged by propaganda. They are the oldest form of tyranny — seizure of power and government by a clique. No democratic institutions or constitution are a 100 per cent. guarantee against a *coup d'état* or the seizure of power by a clique. A Hitler, a Mussolini, or a Petain, but they are capable of making such a seizure difficult or, if it does take place, precarious. That is why it is essential to keep the fundamental institutions of democratic control working during war, even though they may have certain disadvantages. They are an insurance against the consolidation of arbitrary power after a *coup d'état*. Organs of popular government have frequently been able to thwart or smother, in its early days, a *coup d'état*, but once a small group of determined men have consolidated their seizure of power, and abolished the machinery of popular control, it is terribly difficult to unseat them.

The first line of defence against this kind of authoritarian *coup* is parliament — a popularly elected assembly. It is vital that the House of Commons should under no circumstances be placed, like the French Chamber, in cold storage. Whatever happens it must remain in active session, maintaining the ultimate responsibility of the government to itself. Formally the transaction which led to the transference of power from the Reynaud to the Petain government in France may have been "constitutional," just as was the transaction in Germany between Hindenburg and Hitler. But the consolidation of arbitrary power in the hands of a few men was in both cases made possible only by the previous destruction or immobilisation of all the organs and machinery of democratic or popular control. Democracy and democratic organs of government are no panacea against the political stupidity of the human race; they have their own peculiar defects and disadvantages. War and Nazi propaganda have during the last ten months made the most of those defects and there is among many people at the present time a very bitter feeling against "politicians" who are frequently confused with democracy. These people, often unconsciously influenced by anti-democratic propaganda, do not see that they will not get rid of politicians by getting rid of parliament and democracy. Hitler, Goebbels, Goering, Petain, Baudouin, Laval, Franco and Stalin are just as much politicians as Stresemann, Reynaud, Blum, Churchill and Attlee. They play

the same game, though they play it in a different way. If you have aspirations to form one of the new ruling class or clique, you may perhaps not unnaturally prefer the Nazi rules of the political game and boast of its "efficiency" and achievements in war, conquests, ruin, misery, persecution and injustice; but ordinary persons, whose destiny under these modern despotisms must be that of obedient subjects, a chorus of worshippers, cannon-fodder, or untouchables, will, unless they are imbecile, prefer the evils which they know in democracy and the democratic politician.

Not Only Danger

The immobilisation of parliament is not the only danger of which the Petain peace warns us. We call Britain and France democracies, but the government of both countries has always been imperfectly democratic, and many of the faults and failures ascribed to democracy in them have really been due to the fact that it did not exist. Petain succeeded Reynaud and made an armistice which in fact was a peace. By that action he determined the fate of France, of the French Empire, and of the French people for years, possibly for eternity. The transaction which put him in that position and gave him the appalling power to determine the fate of millions was accomplished in secret by perhaps a dozen known and unknown men. The fact that he had formed a government in this way gave him the right and power to make peace with Germany on any terms which he personally chose to accept.

It is a disquieting fact that, although we call ourselves a democracy, our constitutional system makes it possible for exactly the same thing to happen "constitutionally" in this country. Democratic control and liberties are always precarious if the government or executive are enabled by the political system irresponsibly to initiate a policy of great national importance, to act upon it without mandate, and so to present Parliament and people with a *fait accompli*, with a situation irretrievable when once created. It is, no doubt, essential that a responsible government must be given the power to govern; the danger of getting weak government if the legislature attempts to usurp the function of an executive is insisted upon *ad nauseam* by practical politicians and political theorists. In practice for a hundred years of European history the danger has been the other way round. In all democracies the difficulty has not been to prevent undue interference with the executive, but to prevent the government contriving to evade all responsibility and control. We are one of the oldest and most stable of the "democracies," yet it is astonishing what powers the British Government possesses or claims to possess. No one, for instance, seemed to think it remarkable the other day when the government offered the Reynaud government what apparently amounted to federal union between Britain and France, and did so without reference to parliament. It is true that we were at war and that the situation was critical. Yet the proposal could easily have been put before parliament in the space of a few hours, and the offer, if it had been made publicly with parliamentary sanction, would have been far more impressive and might have had a profound effect in France. But the government preferred to act without reference to parliament and people and considered that it had the constitutional powers so to act, although the offer entailed one of the greatest revolutions in our history.

An Anachronism

The government was probably correct in thinking that it had the power to unite Britain and France without the consent of parliament.

It could have been effected by a treaty between the two countries and such a treaty is made by virtue of the Royal Prerogative without reference to Parliament. The Royal Prerogative is an anachronism which is extremely effective for preventing democratic control. It is particularly dangerous at the present moment, for it is the instrument by which in a crisis a Petain peace could constitutionally be made here against the will both of parliament and people. By virtue of the Royal Prerogative the Crown enjoys the sole right of declaring peace and war and of making treaties. The king acts, of course under our constitution only on the advice of a minister, but, in the case of a treaty or the making of peace, this would be no safeguard in practice of the control of parliament or the people. In a crisis power might pass from the hands of a Reynaud into that of a Petain here just as it did in France without any reference to parliament and the British Petain could, by means of the Royal Prerogative, make peace and a treaty, ignoring the House of Commons. All this would be strictly constitutional.

Attempted Breach

The danger to democracy in this constitutional practice has long been recognised. In 1924, for instance, the Labour Party made a first attempt to make a breach in the system by deciding that all treaties should be laid on the table of the House for 21 days before ratification. It is significant that the new practice was abolished as soon as a Conservative government came into power, and, though again restored by the Labour Party in 1929, it was again abolished by the National government. There is much to be said for the Labour Party's innovation, but something more is required to meet the dangers of the immediate situation. It is essential to abolish the power of a minister to make peace by means of the Royal Prerogative without reference to parliament. This change would require legislation, for it would be necessary to enact, at the least, that the Executive should have no power to conclude an armistice or make peace without a resolution of the House of Commons authorising such action.

It will, of course, be said that this is not the moment for constitutional revision. On the contrary, no time could be more appropriate. We are fighting this war for democracy, and we and democracy are at bay. It has often been proclaimed lately that we must lead a European revolution against authoritarian despotism for the restoration of democratic liberty. Democracy is in its present plight because for years democrats have left the initiative entirely in the hands of their enemies. If we are to beat the Nazis and Fascists, we must show that we mean what we say and have the courage of our democratic convictions. We ourselves and all those who stand with us for liberty will gain strength if we show that even in the present crisis we are determined to strengthen our defences against the new despotism, not only on the sea, on British soil, and in the air, but also in our parliament, our laws, and our constitution.

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PARTY IN N.
CHINA****THE STRUGGLE OF Chinese Nazis for control of the north China government is regarded by foreign observers in Peiping as one of the most important current developments in China, and as a potentially troublesome problem for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.**

German fifth column activity is credited with being a major factor in the recent rise to power of Yin Tung, the youthful and ambitious head of the important general construction office in the Japanese-controlled north China government. Yin Tung had undisguised ambitions to replace Wang I-tang as head of the entire puppet regime.

Already Peiping teams with German officials and big businessmen, and the German embassy is said to have a larger staff now than when Peiping was China's capital. The German charge d'affaires, Dr. Felix Altenburg, resides here.

An alliance has been formed between the Japanese militarists controlling north China's politics, the Chinese National Socialists headed by Yin Tung, the remainder of the local puppet government, and the Germans who are pulling strings behind the scenes.

Indications are that ever since Germany's military successes on the European continent last year, the chiefs of the Chinese National Socialist party have been working hard to effect a German-Chinese union of sorts.

Chungking Movement

In Chungking this movement has failed owing to the strengthening of the ties of Free China with the United States and Great Britain, and also through the impossibility of making peace with Japan through German mediation.

In Peiping, where a Japanese-controlled Chinese administration governs north China, different results have been achieved. Here German agents have succeeded in bringing the Chinese Nazis close to the Japanese military and strengthening the Nazi party's position in the governmental administration.

The Japanese in this combination hope to obtain increased Chinese support as a further weapon against Chungking. The Chinese Nazis seek to gain at least local ascendancy while the other forces of nationalist China are occupied in fighting the Japanese invaders. The north China puppet officials aspire to real control of their areas, while the Germans, it is believed, are hoping for the downfall of both Kuomintang and the Chinese communists, and would like to have their fellow Nazis as leaders of a "New China."

Activity Intensified

In the last few weeks the activities of the Chinese Nazis have intensified in Peiping. Wang Keh-min, former north China govern-

ment leader, joined the party and made a handsome contribution to its coffers. Dr. Kiang Keng-hu, founder of the Chinese Socialist party, promised to join the Chinese Nazis. Mr. Chu Chang-lai, minister of communications in the Nanking puppet government and Nazi party leader there, recently made a long visit to Peiping.

Yin Tung is the front man for the Chinese Nazis in north China. He is the energetic chief of the party and a generous contributor to its treasury. Others in the movement are Wang Shih-ching, north China finance head, and Chow Tao-pen, director of the education department.

President Wang Ching-wei of the Nanking puppet regime is reported to be keeping a close watch on the party's growth, of which he does not wholly approve. But since the Chinese Nazis are against Chiang Kai-shek and the communists, even Wang is said to have contributed to the Nazi funds.

Like Wang Ching-wei, the Japanese senior military officers in the north are said to view the Nazi party activities with some suspicion, although many of the junior officers are giving their active support.

**PILLOWS THEIR GIFT
TO SHELTERERS**

Women of Ilkley (Yorks) are helping their London sisters bombed out of "house and home."

Led by Mrs. Still, wife of the Rev. W. K. Still, a Baptist minister, they have almost completed a self-imposed task of collecting 300 pillows and duplicate sets of covers. When they have finished their task they will start collecting again.

**LABELS
GOADING
NAZIS**

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Little bits of paper, popping up in the most unexpected places, are haunting the German invaders of France's big cities.

Adhesive labels bearing the words "On les aura" ("We Shall Get Them") are found on the walls of cafes, on lampposts, railings, trees and hoardings.

People finishing a drink find the little labels sticking to the bottom of their glasses. It is impossible to avoid seeing those three ominous words.

They are even fixed to the trees in the Bois de Boulogne, to the seats in Champs Elysees.

This symbol of the spirit still existing in the heart of every true Frenchman flourishes because hundreds of men and women daily risk the death penalty to print and distribute the labels.

A young Frenchman who has arrived in Britain after an amazing escape from the shadow of the Swastika, tells the story.

He tells of secret printing machines hidden from Nazi police in the basements of unsuspected homes, of how men and women work through the night, knowing that to be caught means death.

Among agents for distribution are housewives and children. "We Shall Get Them" can be seen everywhere.

**A PAPER BAG DOES
THAT, AND A BOMB—**

Pressure on the brain jumps to four times normal when a paper bag is burst, so think what happens when a bomb screams down and then explodes, said Wesley Edwards, industrial psychologist, speaking in San Francisco.

Screaming bombs, the German terror weapon, he described as a scientific application of the nerve-racking noise that is part of everyday life.—Associated Press.

**DRIFTED ALONE ON
WRECK--IS SAVED****TORPEDOED IN THE Atlantic—his ship went down in less than a minute—a skipper grabbed a piece of wreckage in the darkness and hung on.**

For eight hours he clung to the drifting wreckage, waiting for daylight. When dawn broke he found he was the sole survivor out of thirty-six men. Near him, tossing about upside down, was one of the ship's boats. It was his only hope.

To right it was a hopeless job, but he swam across to it and climbed on to the upturned keel.

There he sat, hungry and shivering waiting, hoping, as the boat drifted helplessly far out of sight of land or ship.

For four more hours he drifted along. Then he spotted a plane.

Whether it was British or enemy he did not know, but he must attract its attention. He got to his feet balancing himself precariously as the boat tossed about, threatening to throw him into the sea.

Each time he waved his hands he had to do a balancing trick, but he was lucky; the plane was an Anson of the Coastal Command and it spotted him.

The pilot waved back, banked and flew off to call help. Twenty-four miles away was a warship. The Anson signalled to the ship;

directed it to the shipwrecked skipper, and hovered overhead until he was rescued.

When he got back to his home in Leeds, the skipper, Captain Whitehead, promptly wrote to the captain of the Anson, thanking him. And to show his gratitude, he sent four cigarette cases, one for each of the Anson's crew.

The pilot, in reply, sent a copy of a photograph taken from the aircraft showing the skipper standing on the upturned boat and waving.

Captain Whitehead wrote:—"A wonderful feeling of security goes through all the chaps in the ship when we see one of you."

One of the victims, Clive Young, of Hull, who was steward, had formerly served in the Newton Beech, which was captured by the Altmark. He was a prisoner in the Altmark till she was boarded by British sailors in Josing Fiord.

NAZIS' VICTIMS GROW RESTIVE

REPORTS OF ever-increasing unrest in Norway and of stirrings in Syria and France come from Correspondents in Helsinki and Stockholm and in messages from Cairo and Vichy.

These messages followed hard on the news that Himmler, head of the Gestapo, worried by incidents in the occupied countries, had called a conference of staff officers in Norway, France and Holland.

Briefly, the reports stated that:
In Norway serious disturbances have occurred following an attempt on the life of Quisling.
In Syria enthusiasm for the Allied cause, grown since the Greek successes against the Italians, has brought a fresh appeal from the Governor urging the population to remain loyal to Vichy.
In France the Press has issued warnings against refusal to co-operate with Germany and has indicated that such refusals are a crime more frequent.

Townpeople Fight Quislingites

But the most serious trouble appears to be in Norway where, in the town of Frederikstad, there was street fighting after a bomb had been thrown at Quisling.

According to reports received in Helsinki, Quisling, after addressing a sparse and hostile gathering, was marching through the town with his supporters when the bomb was thrown.

Police reinforcements were called up to save the Norwegian Nazis from the angry crowd.

Later in the day Quisling tried to address a meeting at Sapsborg. He was bitterly heckled. Hand-to-hand fighting in the streets followed.

When Lunde, Quisling's Minister of Culture, went to address a meeting at Larvik he found the hall empty, but outside was a hostile crowd, and again there was a conflict.

The general situation is alarming and there is a possibility that civil war may break out.

N.Z. COMES THROUGH

IN RESPONSE TO BRITAIN'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCE NEW ZEALAND FARMERS HAVE PRODUCED AN ADDITIONAL 16,000 TONS OF CHEESE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AN EXTRA 10,000 TONS OF BACON. STATES THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING, WITHOUT THE IMPORTATION OF EXTRA FOOD SUPPLIES.

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Latest returns indicate an increase in the wool clip.

The New Zealand Minister also says that Maori farmers have responded splendidly to the request for additional crops of maize. — British Wireless.

100 FIRE HEROES KILLED

London's heroic band of wartime firemen recently suffered their hundredth death.

The number of fatalities among volunteers who joined the London Fire Service as auxiliaries now stands at 102 since war broke out. A further 1,000 have been injured.

The casualty list is eloquent testimony of the valiant work performed by the fire service during the Battle of London.

Double Danger

They face a double danger—the peril from fire and the added risk of having to work on targets illuminated for the bombers.

Yet their morale is higher than ever, and nightly they earn the gratitude of the Londoners whom they dare all to protect.

BOMBS SWITCH ON LIGHTS

Electric lights mysteriously springing to life in unoccupied houses during heavy air raids have puzzled police and warden.

Experts have discovered that the lights were probably switched on by bombs.

Electrical engineers have found that a bomb exploding in the neighbourhood is liable, by shock or vibration, to close an ordinary "tumbler" switch, the type used in most houses, thus putting on the light.

When curtains have not been drawn the result is a sudden display of light through the windows.

Old and faulty switches are especially sensitive to this shock.

Therefore, occupiers of all kinds of buildings should switch off the light at the main whenever the place is left unattended.

Another point to remember: Whenever the electricity supply falls at a time when electric lights are in use, all switches should be turned off immediately.

The current may be turned on again, putting the lights into operation, when there is no one in the building and when it is not blacked-out.

SIND'S SEVENTH SPITFIRE

The people of Sind have sent the Minister of Aircraft Production a further contribution of £5,000 towards the purchase of a Spitfire to be called "Sind No. 7." Total now received from Sind exceeds £38,000.

With the latest gift of £5,000 the Uganda War Fund has now raised a total of £84,000 for the purchase of a Uganda squadron of fighters.—British Wireless.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN BLACK-OUT

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR of Factories, in his Annual Report just issued, referring to the war as it affected factories and factory workers during the first four months, says: "The irony of the war situation is that while modern housing estates have taken factory workers away from the centre of towns and into better surroundings this has created a traffic problem in the black-out which has led to a prolongation of the working day and workers hours to a very considerable extent."

The transport position was examined and is now being put on a sounder footing through the efforts of the Ministry of Transport and Welfare Officers of the Ministry of Labour.

I still feel, however, that transport difficulties need the serious attention of all concerned as a vital matter for the preservation of the health and well being of factory workers.

The Chief Inspector also says: "One indication that our nation would not believe war was inevitable is given by fatalities in September, 1939. In spite of warnings by Government little

M. P. WISHES TO ALLAY NAZI PRISONERS' FEARS

On a number of occasions captured Nazi pilots have said they expected to be shot or poisoned.

Mr. R. R. Stokes (Soc., Ipswich) is to suggest in Parliament that, to induce pilots to surrender more easily, Britain should broadcast regularly in German that Nazi prisoners will be treated in accordance with the Hague Convention.

GIRLS PUT TAXI-MEN TO SHAME

Liverpool taxi-drivers who charge Service men and officers double fares during night Alerts are attacked in a bulletin issued by the local Council of Social Servitors.

Their conduct is contrasted with the heroism of girls in the women's services who have volunteered to drive staff cars, lorries and ambulances through the worst raids.

Until recently Liverpool was the most heavily bombed area outside London, yet women drivers earned the admiration of the city by the daring way they carried on when high explosives were dropping in the district.

"It Is A Ramp"

Mr. C. H. Jackson, secretary of the Council of Social Servitors, told a reporter: "You can take it from me that we are bringing the problem to the proper authorities. It is a ramp which must be stopped."

"We do not expect taxi drivers to risk their necks in heavy raids, but frequently during night Alerts there is not even gunfire."

"Why should the girls in the Services be the only ones with the courage to carry on?"

It is often impossible to get a taxi home during night Alerts, and instances of overcharging are numerous.

CLASSES IN SHELTER

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1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4222	Tai Kok Tsui	As per sale plan	About 5,000	\$92	\$10,000

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the Auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1000 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1941, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—

THIRD DAY—

Saturday,—22nd February.

FOURTH DAY—

Monday,—24th February.

FIFTH DAY—

Saturday,—1st March.

On Saturday, 22nd and Monday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy. (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th. February, 1941.

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BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 31

"Who is the criminal, North or South?" inquires an anguished reader. "North claims that South should bid the Slam because of the heart void; South thinks he was rather bold as it was. What do you think?"

East, Dealer North-South vulnerable

♠ A K Q 3	♥ 10 5	♦ A K Q 10 5 4	♣ 7
♠ 6	♥ J 9 8 7	♦ 4 3	♣ K 10 6
♠ 5	♥ A K Q 5 3	♦ J	♣ A Q 9 8
♠ 4 2	♥ 10 9 8 7 4 2	♦ 9 8 2	♣ J 5 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♥	Pass	2♥	Dbl.
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
5♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

We think that it's a very close and, in one respect, a very curious question. If the Slam is to be bid at all, we think that North must extend the invitation. He knows that South cannot have better than Jacks in either spades, or diamonds, and should make it possible for South to bid

HIGH CARD VALUES OF THE FOUR-SUITE SYSTEM
ACE... 3
KING... 2
QUEEN... 1
JACK... 0

the Slam if he has either Ace or void in hearts or clubs. But surely South cannot be expected to take further action when North passes the four-spade bid and when East doubles five spades!

The curious feature of the hand is that the finger of suspicion has not even been lifted to point at the real criminal. Look at the hand again and decide for yourself who the real criminal was.

West was the criminal, and he committed three crimes! To begin with, he should have jumped to four hearts at his first chance to bid. His hand was pretty fair in support of a heart contract but defenceless against any other; and the jump might have given the opponents a little trouble. Having failed to jump, he should have rebid at each of his other two chances. A non-vulnerable heart contract could not be severely punished — even if East and West had to sacrifice at seven hearts — and would have been excellent insurance against a vul-

DEFEAT TALK COST HIM £25

A man alleged to have said: "We stand little chance of winning," was at Hendon fined £25, to be paid immediately, or one month's imprisonment.

He was, Lawrence James Lester, aged thirty-seven, described as a fitter, of Tottenham Court Road, accused of publishing a statement on the war likely to cause alarm or despondency.

Mr. J. S. Williams, prosecuting, said that in an air-raid shelter at his works Lester said: "The war is a racket brought about by the politicians."

Richard James Collett, another employee, said Lester stated that he knew Mr. Chamberlain had £7,000,000 or £8,000,000 invested in several Jewish firms which were on Government work, and therefore he was running the war for his own personal gain.

Lester also said that before long the working-man would receive no wages but only tickets for food and rent.

At one time, added Collett, it looked as if Lester would be manslaughtered.

Lester denied making the statement about Mr. Chamberlain.

nerable game or a vulnerable Slam.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6 3	♥ 8	♦ A J 7 5 4	♣ K 10 2
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The bidding:

Jacoby	You	Maler	Schenken
1♥	Dbl.	INT	2♣
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. It's true that your partner's free bid shows strength, but it's equally unlikely that there is a game in the hand. Your partner has named your worst suit — a minor suit, to make matters worse. If game were likely, your partner would have been able to jump in clubs, or bid spades or double.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for two diamonds, 40% for three clubs, 30% for two spades.

Question No. 645

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold the same hand once again. But the bidding is:

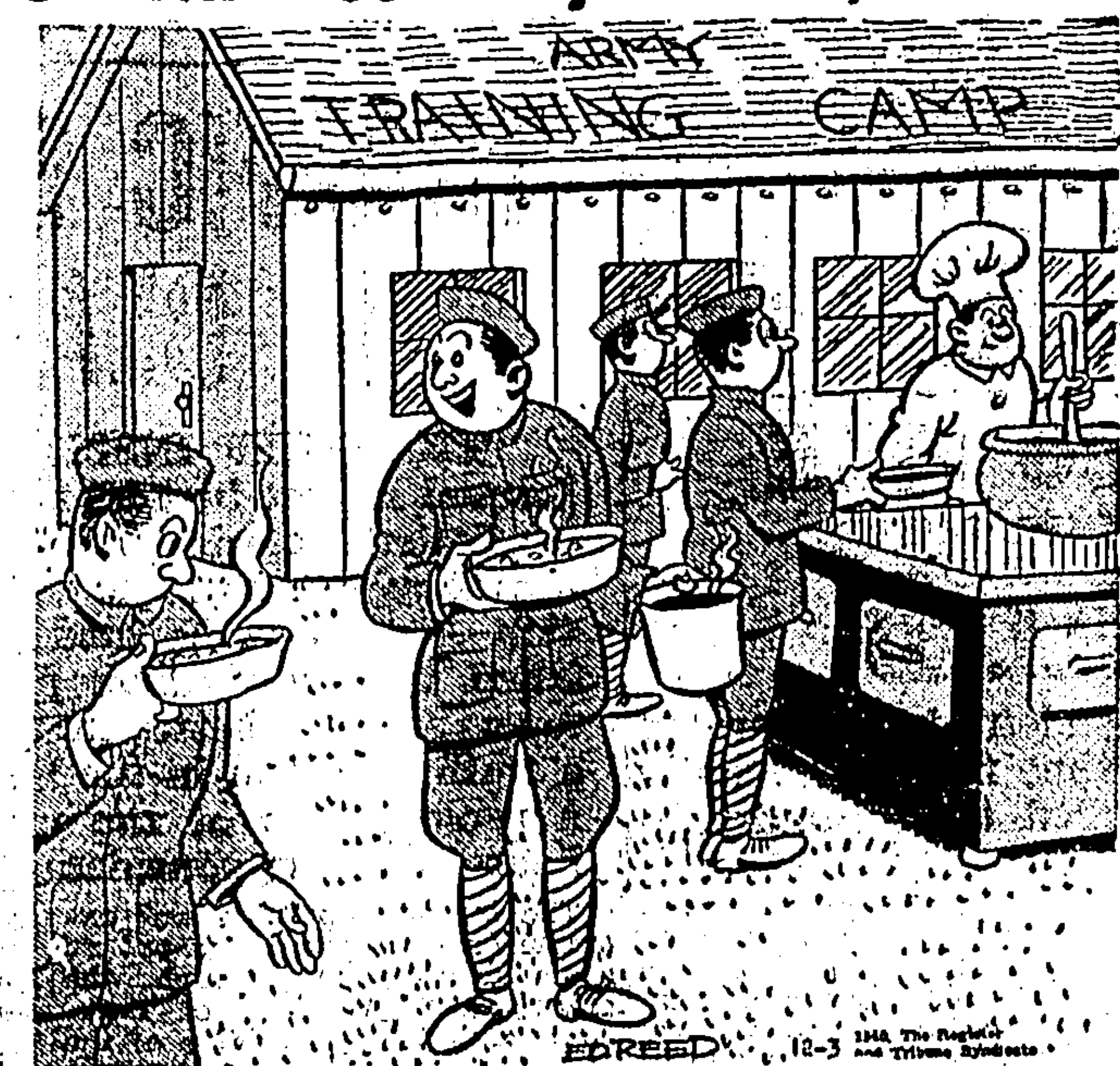
Jacoby	You	Maler	Burnstone
1♥	Dbl.	INT	2♠
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"And now a brief pause for 'ration' identification."

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SHELTER CONDUCT

Objectionable conduct in air-raid shelters will shortly be made an offence for which the offender can be ejected and made liable to a penalty.

This is disclosed in a reply which Sir Leonard Lyle, M. P. for Bournemouth, has received from Miss Ellen Wilkinson, to a letter he wrote calling attention to certain conduct in shelters.

Miss Wilkinson said the matter had been receiving careful attention, and the Ministry of Home Security proposed shortly to issue new rules.

Sir Leonard had raised the position of the owner of a private shelter to which the public were admitted, and who apparently had no right of control, or to call in the police.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning Sunday

SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.15 a.m.	A. J. Dennis, S. L. Lloyd
9.20	R. G. Parker, J. Lander
9.25	H. A. Mills, R. P. Morris
9.30	K. S. Robertson, F. A. Redmond
9.35	I. H. C. Hight, M. G. Carruthers
9.40	G. T. Harrington, R. R. Davis
9.45	G. E. Castello, J. W. Clague
9.50	A. H. Gammon, D. C. Davies
9.55	J. E. Potter, T. V. N. Forster
10.00	A. V. Greaves, S. Tomlinson
10.05	M. Pollock, R. A. Campbell
10.10	T. E. Pearce, F. A. Howard
10.15	J. W. McKee, C. F. Marshall
10.20	A. W. Bourne, H. W. Beasley
10.25	W. W. C. Shewan, A. B. Purves
10.30	C. B. Burgess, D. MacAlister
10.35	T. Megarry, T. Low
10.40	I. H. Geare, R. C. Gaudner
10.45	R. Young, J. C. Taylor
10.50	R. H. Challinor, J. A. Ritchie
10.55	R. de W. Waller, Capt. Fishbourne
11.00	W. N. A. Smalley, Major Curran
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	A. Sommerfeldt, K. S. Morrison
9.30	J. S. Lee, A. M. Kennedy
9.35	J. Redman, G. G. Aitkenhead
9.40	J. D. Way, R. K. Collings
9.45	W. Stoker, J. D. Thomson
9.50	E. G. Price, J. E. Lawrie
9.55	H. W. Duley, E. Davidson
10.00	L. M. S. Lloyd, R. B. Mace
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HELD DYING MAN, THEN ON TO SHOW

By A Special Correspondent

EVE ARMSDEN, tall, willowy blonde, speciality dancer in Maurice Winnick's show "Dorchester Follies," danced on to the stage at Plymouth, her bruises covered with make-up, and the memory of a man dying in her arms in her mind.

She had been in the London-Plymouth rail crash at Taunton — a crash which took the life of the company's manager. He was among the twenty-eight killed.

With other members of the company she travelled down from London overnight.

The crash and resulting rail confusion split the company so much that ten minutes before the curtain was due up only half the company had arrived, and cancellation orders were printed.

Dancers, handmen, singers arrived by car — some had been given lifts in Army lorries — and they went on without rehearsal. Eve Armsden, who was in a front coach of the smashed train, although cut and bruised, nursed a badly injured seaman who died in her arms before rescue parties reached them.

Then, with a torch in her hand, she helped in the rescue work.

Maurice Winnick himself owes his life to the fact that he did an extra show — a concert in a favour which left him barely time to catch the train.

"But for the concert I would have been in a reserved compartment in the coach smashed to matchwood," he told me.

DRESS PLAN FOR SHELTER

Creased suits, crumpled blouses and ill-polished shoes are the main shelter worries of hundreds of girls and young men who spend their nights in City basements and staff refuges.

Lighting, ventilation and sanitation problems do not arise in these well-equipped shelters, but the difficulty of keeping up appearances is urgent when your job depends on it.

This new slant on the shelter question was raised when Miss Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, called a conference of social welfare authorities to discuss shelter problems.

Something on the lines of the American "dress easy" service was put forward as the answer. It was suggested that voluntary organisations might open centres where office workers could have a bath while their clothes were pressed and their shoes polished.

Miss Dorothy Peto, superintendent of women police, urged that younger shelter marshals should be trained. She was struck by the efficiency of the fine young types helping in the tubes. Their influence is better than that of some older people, who are rather of the sergeant-major type.

Women police favoured mixed society in the early part of the evening and segregation later on.

Why Not Hammock?

Other points discussed were the need for smaller groups of shelterers to encourage community life; the merits of hammocks, which take up less room than bunks; and the possibility of making more use of the services of "bombed-out" persons of the right type.

A private conference of Ministry officials will meet soon to consider the views expressed.

Miss Wilkinson said the delay in deciding on the ticket scheme for tube shelterers had been due to the question: Should tickets go to ratepayers in the districts concerned or to tube users from outside.

It had now been decided to issue tickets to those recognised as habitually using a particular tube. As vacancies occur, preference will be given to local ratepayers.

In the past two months 502 additional shelters accommodating 100,000 people have been provided in the London area.

SHELTER PASTILLES

Antiseptic pastilles are to be supplied free in public air-raid shelters throughout the country.

This was announced by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health, in the House of Commons. Mr. MacDonald was asked if authorisation would be given to occupiers of landlords of bombed dwellings to spend £5 or £10 on urgent repairs, such as blocking windows or covering roofs, pending sanction of proper repairs by local authorities.

He replied that such an arrangement would lead to greater competition for the services of local builders and would be likely to lead to a net delay in the work done.

Remove Furniture

Mr. MacDonald said that provided the collapse of structure was not likely to occur and attempts at salvage did not hinder the civil defence services a person whose house had been damaged by air raids was at liberty to remove his furniture.

Sir Thomas Moore: There is no danger of a man being charged under the existing law of looting?

Mr. MacDonald: No, provided the conditions I have given regarding safety are satisfied.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister for Home Security, in a written reply stated that it is intended to incorporate damp courses in the new design of shelter which will be introduced soon.

Mr. Morrison said that contingents of the A.M.P.C. now totalling about 6,800 had already been drafted into the London region for work on the clearance of debris.

The military authorities had undertaken to supply a further 3,200 in the near future.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

The Photographic Society of Hong Kong, having sponsored, for the last two years, two very successful All-China exhibitions of photography, has decided to extend the scope of this year's show.

It will be known as the First China International Salon of Photography, and will be open to entrants from anywhere in the world.

It is hoped to attract some good work, and an exhibition of selected prints will be held in Hong Kong from December 1st to 7th, 1941, inclusive.

The closing date for the receipt of entries is November 1, 1941. Intending exhibitors are limited to not more than four prints per person, and the entrance fee for any number of prints up to four is 5s., \$1 Gold, or HK\$4.

Prints will be returned within a week of the closing of the exhibition, and entry forms may be received on application to the Hon. Secretary, Room 117, Prince's Building, Hong Kong.

WORKERS DEFYING RAIDS

"The workers are standing up magnificently to the bombing attacks," said Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, in replying to Mr. Craven-Ellis (Nat. Southampton) in the House of Commons.

Mr. Craven-Ellis had asked if Mr. Bevin was aware that the workers in many firms were seeking shelter on the sounding of the Alert, and whether he would announce that those who sought shelter before the "imminent danger" notice would not be in receipt of pay.

Mr. Bevin replied: "I am happy to say that the enemy is not succeeding in his efforts, as Mr. Craven-Ellis suggests."

The arrangements with regard to pay were fixed by industry itself, and he saw no grounds for interference.

In another reply, Mr. Bevin said he did not propose to encourage seven-day working, because it reduced output and caused an increase in absenteeism in the long run.

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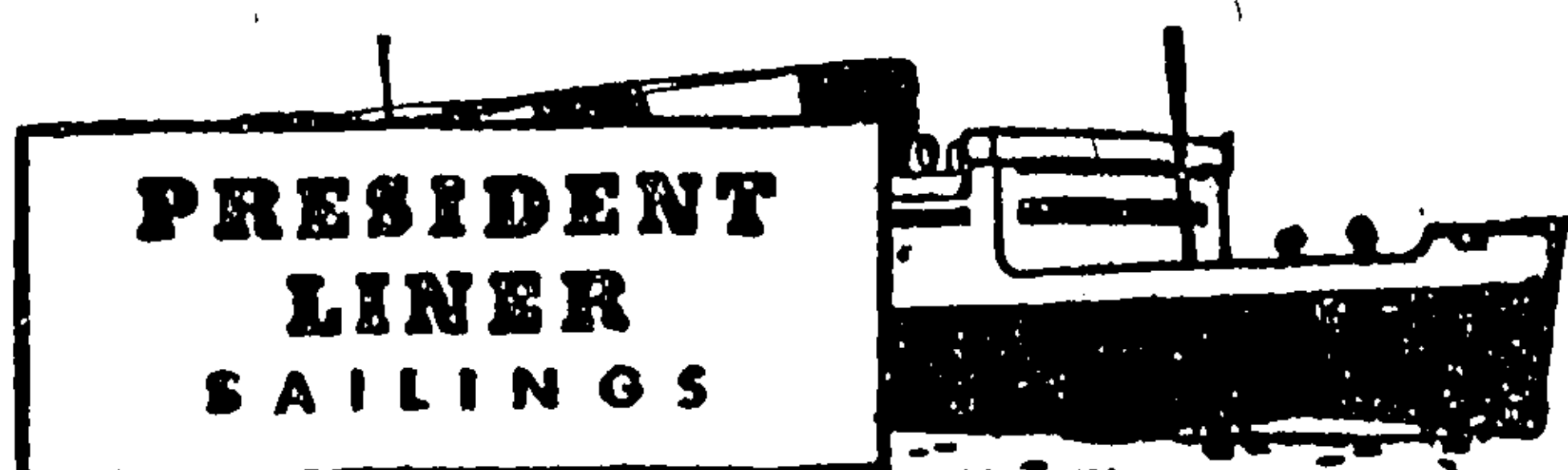
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Reg. 4.00 p.m.

Ord. 4.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

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Ord. 4.30 p.m.

Canton 7.00 p.m.

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G.P.O. & K.P.O.

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Reg. (21) 5.00 p.m.

Ord. (22) 8.30 a.m.

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Reg. 2.00 p.m.

Ord. 2.30 p.m.

G.P.O.

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Ord. 2.30 p.m.

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12.30 p.m.—Tito Schipa (Tenor) and
New Light Symphony Orchestra.

1.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and
Sullivan.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press,
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Hylton
and His Orchestra

2.15 p.m.—Close down

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Elgar—Cockaigne Concert
Overture, Op. 40. The B.B.C. Sym-
phony Orchestra conducted by Sir
Edward Elgar.

6.47 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson
(Bass-Baritone).

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Newsletter
by O. M. Green.

7.30 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano)
playing some Chopin Mazurkas.

7.43 p.m.—A Short Violin Recital by
Joseph Szigeti.

8.03 p.m.—Billy Russell, Gracie Fields
and Vic Oliver in Variety.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Theatre-
land'.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of
the Hour'.

9.30 p.m.—Some of Ivor Novello's
'Hits'.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'By
the Way'.

10.15 p.m.—Harold Ramsay at the
Organ.

10.28 p.m.—Dance Music.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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Hie Maru	Wednesday,	12th Mar.
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MANHATTAN FAVOURED FOR THE ROOTY-HILL DERBY

Prospects For Third Day Of Annual Mtg. Discussed

By "Rapier"

WEATHER PERMITTING, THE THIRD-DAY PROGRAMME OF THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING WILL BE HELD TO-MORROW. OWING TO THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF THE COURSE, WHICH WAS VERY BADLY AFFECTED BY THE HEAVY RAIN WHICH FELL THROUGHOUT TUESDAY AFTERNOON THE STEWARDS ACTED VERY WISELY IN POSTPONING THE MEETING.

The track is certain to be on the slippery side to-morrow, and it is to be hoped that no further accidents will mar the remainder of the meeting.

There are 12 events on the programme, most important of which is the Rooty-Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup. Interest in this particular race has taken on phenomenal proportions due to the heavy demand for tickets in the Dollar Sweep.

RACE NO. 1. ALHURY STAKES. 1 1/4 MILES

This race is confined to Australian subs. of 1941, weight for miles as per scale; winners barred. The following will probably do well if started:

Bugle (Mr. Wei),
Black Seal (Mr. Chao),
King's Flight (Mr. Needa),
Newborn Star.

On the strength of its second placing to Dutch Treat in the Garrison Cup over the two mile post distance by a short head, I think Black Seal should win.

There is also King's Flight to be considered as it ran very well to come in second to Santa-Anita in the Lusitano Cup over the same distance. Bugle was third in the same race with Black Seal, and it should fight out the minor place with Newborn Star.

RACE NO. 2. RACING STAKES: ONE MILE

Griffins of this meeting will clash here with winners barred. Despite its disappointing run in the Hong Kong Derby, I am of the opinion that Charlesber (Mr. Chao) will redeem itself by winning this race, although Glossy-light (Mr. Moller) should offer some opposition. World Fair View should not do better than finish third.

RACE NO. 3. CHATER CUP: ABOUT HALF MILE, 170 YARDS

After its brilliant win in the Austral Derby, I cannot see anything here to beat Distant View, which should have little difficulty in accounting for this race. For the second place a good tussle should be witnessed between Vis Major (Mr. Sokoloff) and Marsh Warbler (Mr. Black).

RACE NO. 4. VICTORIA STAKES: ONE MILE

This is a handicap race for China ponies and, judging from the entries, the finish should again be fought out between Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) and Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa). I understand that Burford, the holder of the record for this distance, and O-Lan, the winner in record time of the Challenge Cup (1-3/4), will be reserved for the Champions Stakes, to be run on

Monday. For the third place I like the chances of Spiceligh (Mr. Moller).

RACE NO. 5. CANBELEGO HANDICAP: ONE MILE

"C" Class. Australian ponies will figure in this race and judging from past performances, I have no hesitation in nominating Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) to win, as the pony is at the moment in fine condition. It is likely to meet with opposition from Caterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne) and Cheerful Star, however. There is also Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) to be considered.

RACE NO. 6. ROYAL NAVY CUP: ABOUT ONE MILE 171 YARDS

Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 will contest this race with the proviso that the winner of the Garrison Cup is barred and the winner of the Governor's Cup will have to carry another 7 lb.

If its owner decides to send it out here, United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), the Governor's Cup winner, will probably account for this race but it should meet with strong opposition from Santa-Anita (Mr. Liang), the winner of the Lusitano Cup over the Champions distance.

National Welfare (Mr. Tao), the winner of the Sydney Maiden Stakes (third section) should have no difficulty in securing third place.

RACE NO. 7. CHEFOO HANDICAP: ABOUT ONE MILE, 171 YARDS

This event is for "D" Class, China ponies and judging from its win in the Amoy Handicap for novice jockeys over six furlongs, I cannot see anything here to beat Eve of Peace (Mr. Davis) as it is much better than any entry.

The second and third places will probably be fought out between Royal Wedding Eve and Sylvandale (Mr. Tao).

This is the first leg of the "DAILY DOUBLE."

RACE NO. 8. ROOTY-HILL DERBY AND SPORTS CLUB CUP: 1 1/2 MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon on which the big \$1-00 Cash Sweep will depend. The following will probably start:—

Amulet Star,
Bendemeer (Mr. Needa),
Dutch Treat (Mr. P. P. Botelho),
Endeavour (Mr. Wei),
Jus Gentium (Mr. Sokoloff),
Manhattan (Mr. Hearne),
Moonlight (Mr. Noodt),
Vitamin M. (Mr. Black).

Amulet Star won the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Second section) over six furlongs; Bendemeer won the Perth Plate (Second section), half mile; Dutch Treat won the Garrison Cup over the two mile post; Endeavour and Jus Gentium were third and second respectively to Manhattan in the Australian Valley Stakes over the mile; Moonlight won the Perth Plate (First Section) half a mile, and Vitamin M. was third in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Third section) over six furlongs.

Taking their merits one by one I should not be far wrong in stating that Manhattan stands the best chance of winning here, although there are many who still believe that Endeavour is the potential winner.

Good as this pony is over this distance, however, I think it will again have to bow to Manhattan.

Of the above ponies Vitamin M. should not be disregarded as it was badly left at the start when it lost to National Welfare, and I expect it to be well up at the finish.

My choice of the first three are Manhattan, Endeavour and Vitamin M.

RACE NO. 9. KARA KARA HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

Australian subscription ponies of previous seasons, with the proviso that winners at this meeting are barred, will try conclusions.

Far View (Mr. Pih), which was second to Sapper in the Coral Handicap over the mile, has been given top-weight of 159 lb, but I think it should win, with Viceroy second and Australian Diamond third.

RACE NO. 10. AUSTRAL RACING STAKES: 1 1/4 MILES

Australian ponies, griffins of this meeting, will figure in this race over the Champions distance with winners barred.

Oracle (Mr. Needa), which was second in the Austral Derby, should stand the best chance of winning, but it will have to be at its best to stave off the challenge of First Love, the third pony in the Derby, and Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao), which was a disappointment in the above race.

I think, however, that it will probably redeem itself to-morrow.

RACE NO. 11. HOPEFUL STAKES: ABOUT ONE MILE, 171 YARDS

China griffins of this meeting will again meet here with winners carrying 7 lb. penalty.

Oolong (Mr. Needa) should walk away with this race if it is sent out as the opposition does not appear strong enough to upset it, while Velvetlight (Mr. Moller) should again take second place, with Eve of Grandeur (Mr. Davis) third.

RACE NO. 12. SANDRINGHAM PLATE: SIX FURLONGS

The last race of the day is confined to Australian subs. of 1941, with winners barred.

Judging from its performance against Amulet Star in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Second Section) I should not be far wrong in naming A Surprising Time (Mr. Noodt) as the winner of this event. Strong opposition, however, should come from Fresh Air (Mr. Ip



P. & L.'s First Love (Mr. Liang up) being led in after its lucky win in the Austral Trial Plate on Monday. Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao up) was winning when Mr. Chao became unseated and fell over the rails. First Love paid \$32.60 on the pari-mutuel.

C.C.C. JUNIOR ELEVEN

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in a 2nd Division League match against the University on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 2.00 p.m., on the University ground, Pokfulam.—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Es-mail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock and W. K. Way.

The 1st XI match against the Army has been cancelled.

R. S. W. Paterson, E. W. Pudney and D. S. Robb.

H.K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent H.K.C.C. "A" v Club de Recreio 2nd XI at H.K.C.C. to-morrow:—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, W. G. Finnie, J. L. Ilsley, D. Q. Parsons,

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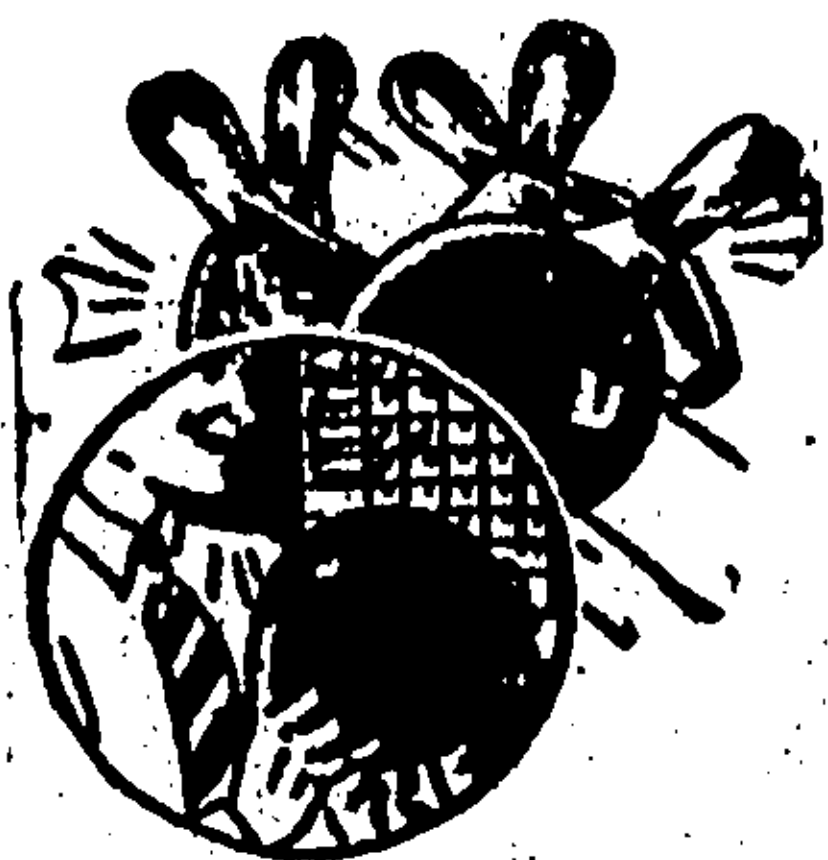
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P.	L.	W.
K. W. Chey and C. K. Lee (University "A")	12	0 12
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	9	0 9
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	4	1 5
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	6	1 5
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	9	4 5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2 4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	12	8 4
C. K. Lee and S. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0 3
M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (University "A")	3	0 3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3 3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	12	9 3
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	12	9 3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	3	1 2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1 2
S. Amplavanan and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1 2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1 2
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	4 2
J. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	12	10 2

"B" Division

P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Winter Blyth (K.C.C.)	18	2 16
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	18	4 14
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	15	0 15
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	12	0 12
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	12	0 12
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	12	2 10
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	18	9 9
W. H. Choy and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah)	9	1 8
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	12	4 8
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	15	7 8
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2 7
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	12	5 7
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	12	5 7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	15	8 7
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	15	8 7
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	9	3 6
J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	9	3 6
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	12	6 6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1 5
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	18	13 5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2 4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1 2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0 2
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0 2
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0 2
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gasano (Recreio)	3	0 2
E. Zimmerman and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0 3
W. Lawrence and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	0 3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3 3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3 3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	6	3 3
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmerman (K.C.C.)	6	3 3
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1 2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1 2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	3 3
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1 2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1 2
K. L. Lui and J. Pau (King's)	3	1 2
K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	1 2
N. Whitley and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	3	1 2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3 3
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4 2
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	9	7 2
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	12	10 2

CRATERS IN ALLOTMENTS

Allotment holders in a London area have bomb craters in their plots, and one man applied to the local council for a reduction of his allotment rent, pointing out that his potato crop was ruined. The Council refused the application. Other allotment holders who regarded it as a test case are considering an appeal to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Army In Sore Need Of A Good Centre-Forward

Fox Needs Rest; Pearson And Pelham Possibles

By "Squaddy"

AT Happy Valley on Monday, in the Colony seven-a-side Rugby tournament, four Army sevens registered wins.

Royal Scots were unable to make an appearance owing to Military duties.

Middlesex Regiment defeated Tamar and Small Ships by seven points to five, after having a seven-point lead at the interval. Capt. Mai scored a magnificent drop goal, which was considered the best feat of the day, and Pte. Berry scored a try which was not converted.

Combined Small Units "A" beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., "B" by nine points to nil, with Sgt. Pratt scoring two tries and Pte. Macdonald one.

The 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., "A" who will want a lot of watching in this tournament, easily accounted for Jardine's by winning 11 points to nil. L/Bdr. Richards scored two tries in the first half. Sgt. Marsh converted one and giving them an eight point lead. Capt. Skipwith scored a try in the second half which Sgt. Marsh failed to convert.

Engineers beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., "A" by 13 points to 3.

Engineers were superior in all divisions of the game, and Cpl. Birrell played excellently, scoring two tries which he also converted. Cpl. Pictou scored the Sappers' other try. Gnr. Giblin scored for the Gunners.

In the second round of this tournament the only two Army teams successful on Wednesday were Royal Engineers and Combined Small Units, who defeated 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., "B" and 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., "A" respectively with the Combined Small Units having to play extra time to win.

There was not much in either game, both matches being decided by one goal, and one try respectively.

Engineers again have Cpl. Birrell and Cpl. Foley to thank for their hard and accurate kicking. Sgt. Davis scored the Sappers' try which Cpl. Birrell converted from 40 yards out with a magnificent kick.

The Combined Small Units and the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., "A" were evenly matched and full time came with neither side having the upper hand.

Extra time was played with the Small Units scoring through Wigglesworth in the first few seconds of this period.

Middlesex were no match for the Strong Club "A", who defeated them easily by 13 points to nil.

Owing to rain, only one game was played in the Large Units Rugby League at Sookumpoo on Tuesday, between Royal Engineers and Middlesex Regiment, Sappers winning by the only try of the game.

Both sides were well matched and found it difficult to handle the ball on such a wet ground.

The Sappers were better than their opponents in handling, especially their outside men, but the Middlesex forwards were better in the tight.

Sappers have not yet lost in this League.

The following is the League table to date.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R. Engineers	3	3	0	0	6
R. Artillery	3	2	0	1	4
R. Sco's	2	1	0	1	2
Middlesex	3	1	0	2	2
C.S. Units	3	0	0	3	0

SNOOKER

IN the Garrison Snooker League the Medical Corps are still leading with the Engineers "A" close on their heels. Both have played five games, won two and drawn three, but the Medicals have won more frames than the Engineers which gives them the three-point lead.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	5	2	0	3	21
R.E. "A"	5	2	0	3	18
R.E. Sgts.	5	2	1	2	17
R.A. Sgts.	5	1	0	4	16
C.M. Police	5	1	0	4	16
Signals Cpls.	5	1	2	2	13
R.A.P.C.	5	1	2	2	12
Signals	5	0	5	0	7

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

THE Army did not play up to expectations in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup match against the Civilians last Sunday, and this was mainly due to the bad and poor shooting ability of their forwards. The Army Selection Committee are meeting on Saturday to discuss and select their team for the next Kotewall Cup match against the Chinese or Navy.

They are at present badly in need of a centre-forward as Fox of the Royal Engineers is much off form at the moment and could do with a well earned rest.

Pearson of the Middlesex Regiment, who played an excellent game against Sing Tao last week, might be considered for this position, as he has now found his old form. In representative matches, however, he does not seem to shine.

Pelham of the Engineers is another candidate for the centre berth, and has done very well for the Sappers this season and has assisted them in reaching the top. The Army's defence need not be

changed, as they have one of the strongest in the Colony, although beaten five times on Sunday.

Sgt. Owens and S/Sgt. Duffield, the wingers, were not given the same opportunities as they had in the semi-final against the Chinese, and if they had been given more passes they might have made good use of them. Both these players are faster than the average footballer, and, with their fine centres, either could make a centre-forward.

It is hoped that the Army team will be able to prove that they are capable of scoring in their next match.

In the re-play of the first round of the Junior Shield, Royal Corps Signals knocked out 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. by the odd goal in five at Happy Valley on Wednesday.

Sgt. Brackenbury scored twice for the Signals and Bundy once. Flanders and Casey scored for the Gunners.

WATER-POLO

T-O-NIGHT at the Y.M.C.A. the Middlesex will play the European Y.M.C.A. team at 7.15 p.m.

HOCKEY

No Ladies' League This Season

A DECISION TO LET the Caer Clark Cup competition lapse this year but to continue the seven-a-side tournament as usual was reached at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association held at Gloucester Hotel yesterday.

The Acting President, Miss E. M. Booker (H.K. Ladies), Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White (St. Andrew's), Miss E. Churn and Miss V. Jex (D.G.S.), Mrs. C. Figueredo and Miss M. Maxwell (Argonauts), Mrs. Joyce and Miss Baxter (C.B.A.).

Bomber Fund

A proposal by Mrs. Joyce to make a donation to the Bomber Fund was unanimously adopted by the meeting and the initial sum of \$400 was decided upon. It was decided to turn this year's seven-a-side tournament to the benefit of a similar cause and Miss Gray expressed a hope for more hearty response from the public. After discussion, this question was left to the Council.

The following were elected to the Council:—Miss M. Remedios and Miss A. Alves (Recreio), Mrs. O. Burnett and Miss M. McCaw ("Y"), Miss M. Smalley and Miss

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

BY "STRIKE"

There has been some first class Ten Pin Bowling recently in the Alleys. On February 13, Corp. Watts of the Royal Corps of Signals scored a brilliant 258, almost equalling the record score of 278 he set up last February.

Commencing with a spare in his first frame, Watts then bagged seven strikes in a row followed by a spare, a strike, and a spare with the two extra balls.

It was a brilliant effort indeed and he had made a strike in the ninth frame, instead of a spare he would have equalled his 278.

Ernie Hearther also put up some good Ten Pin scores on February 14, when in a series of eight games he made, 226, 184, 204, 202, 200, 212, 211, 203, or 1643 with an average of 205.4 pins per game. This is good, consistent bowling and will take some beating.

The second round in the Singles Handicap Competition has been completed, and the third round is due to be finished by February 21.

Close Finishes

In the final stages of the second round there were some very close and interesting finishes.

In match between H. B. Neale (146) and E. H. Brazel (146) on February 7, Brazel won by the narrow margin of 22 pins.

Brazel started off with a good 169, but Neale only managed a poor 117.

C. E. Vaughan (Mindanao) played Signalman G. Birkett of Royal Corps of Signals in the second round, also on the same day. The game resulted in a win for the former by 57 pins.

Vaughan's handicap was plus 40, and Birkett's plus 30, so Birkett was conceding 10 pins per game or 30 pins for the three games played. The scores were: Vaughan 454 and Birkett 397.

Another Near Thing

Another interesting and very close match (also in the second round) was played the same day between Signalman A. Cleggett of Royal Corps of Signals and Cpl. W. Wathen of the same company. This resulted in a win for the former player by eight pins.

Cleggett's handicap was plus 26 and Wathen's plus 36.

Cleggett's useful 220 in his third game no doubt gave him the match, because Wathen was actually ahead by 17 pins (including his handicap) after the second game. Both finished up strongly in the last game but it was anyone's game up to the very last roll!

C. M. Williams met and defeated T. A. Slater on February 11, by 49 pins. Williams' handicap was plus 36 and Slater's plus 43. Williams scored 454 and Slater 405.

Slater is better at Duck Pins and I did not expect him to win. There was a very interesting match on February 12—the last match in the second round—Ernie Hearther (110) and Bdr. Pidgeon of Royal Artillery, who was plus 50. Hearther had to concede the formidable figure of 120 pins for the three games, but after a hard tussle he won by 31 pins, the scores 584 to 553. Hearther scored in his first game, but I cannot help thinking that if Pidgeon had played his usual game he might have beaten his more experienced opponent.

Third Round Matches

The first match in the third round was played off on February 12 between Corp. H. Watts and C. E. Vaughan of the U.S.S. Mindanao. Watts' handicap was plus 20 and Vaughan's plus 40. The former won by 54 pins, the score being 511 to 457 in his favour.

Watts' average worked out at 160 pins per game which is lower than usual, but it was enough to pull him through comfortably. Vaughan bowled below form. He started off with a good 167 pins but made a very poor 104 in his second game, and 120 in the third game his average, including his handicap, worked out at 152 pins per game.

BASKETBALL TOURISTS TO PLAY TO-MORROW

THE 20TH Century Fox Film basketball team, fresh from a successful tour of the Philippine Islands, are due to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow morning.

They are scheduled to play in the evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges St., against an All-Star Hong Kong quintette, composed of the leading players now in the Colony from Shanghai and Canton, as well as the local stars.

The proceeds of this match will be donated to the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association and to the British Bomber Fund.

A programme of entertainment has been arranged for the visitors during their short stay here.

The visiting Californians, who won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, are all former American College stars and are considered to be standard exponents of the cage game.

A Lecture

A lecture on the intricacies of modern basketball will be given by Capt. Knowles, who was a member of the American Olympic team that won the world's title at Berlin in 1936, and one or two other members of the team at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. auditorium at Bridges St. at 3.45 p.m. to-morrow afternoon. This talk will be free to the public.

A snappy girls' preliminary game has been arranged between a Kowloon girl starlet team and a Hong Kong all-star quintette. This game will start at 7.30 p.m.

Bill Woo, coach of the champion South China A.A. cage team, has

been chosen by the committee to handle the Colony's all-stars and the following players have been selected:—

Slew Kit-man (Capt.), Sek Chen-tack, Cheung Yuk-kwan, Cheng Chol-sun and Sek Chen-chee (South China A.A.); Leung Kok-dock, Poon Yu-kwan, Lo Chen-hoon, Lee Pul-chick and Tai Fook-shing (Sing Tao); Luk Tack-chiang (Chinese Y.M.C.A.); Chan Siu-look and Chan Sin-kao (Kuo Min University); Ng Ching-chu (Canton University); Hyui Man-fui (Eastern Athletic Association).

—Contributed.

TEAM NOT SUPPORTED IN MANILA

The American Chamber of Commerce has appealed to its members to turn out and lend moral support to the 20th Century Fox basketball team from the Pacific coast during their series with local teams, according to the "Manila Bulletin". Attention of the Chamber was called by one of the members to the poor support being given by Americans to the visiting American team so a circular has been sent out to members urging them to lend their moral support to the team.

CHESS

KARPOVICH'S FIRST SETBACK

L. Karpovich suffered his first setback in the Colony Chess championship last night when he was held to a draw by K. Weiss.

The game started at 6 p.m. and was completed at 2.15 a.m., continuing without a break for 8 hours and 15 minutes. Weiss managed a deadlock with his opponent on the board, though a piece down.

No amount of clever manoeuvring by Karpovich could make any difference to the situation, although he attempted to break through on the sacrifice of a piece for a pawn in an end game of Bishops of different colours.

Weiss, having White, opened with Queen's pawn, Karpovich replying irregularly and the game progressing through irregular channels.

OTHER MATCHES

C. M. Sequeira beat D. E. de Carvalho in the sixth round of the Colony Chess Championship played at the Peninsula Hotel last night. Sequeira played the Reti opening, an irregular reply by Carvalho evolving into a king's fianchetto. Spectacular play by Sequeira late in the match, when

he risked the temporary sacrifice of a rook, placed him in a strong attacking position and enabled him to win after 39 moves.

Junior Upsets

Two upsets marked the second round of the Colony Junior Chess Championship. R. C. Danenberg declined a sacrifice of a pawn by To Yu-lau in an Evans Gambit and played through to a very well deserved win after a flawless game.

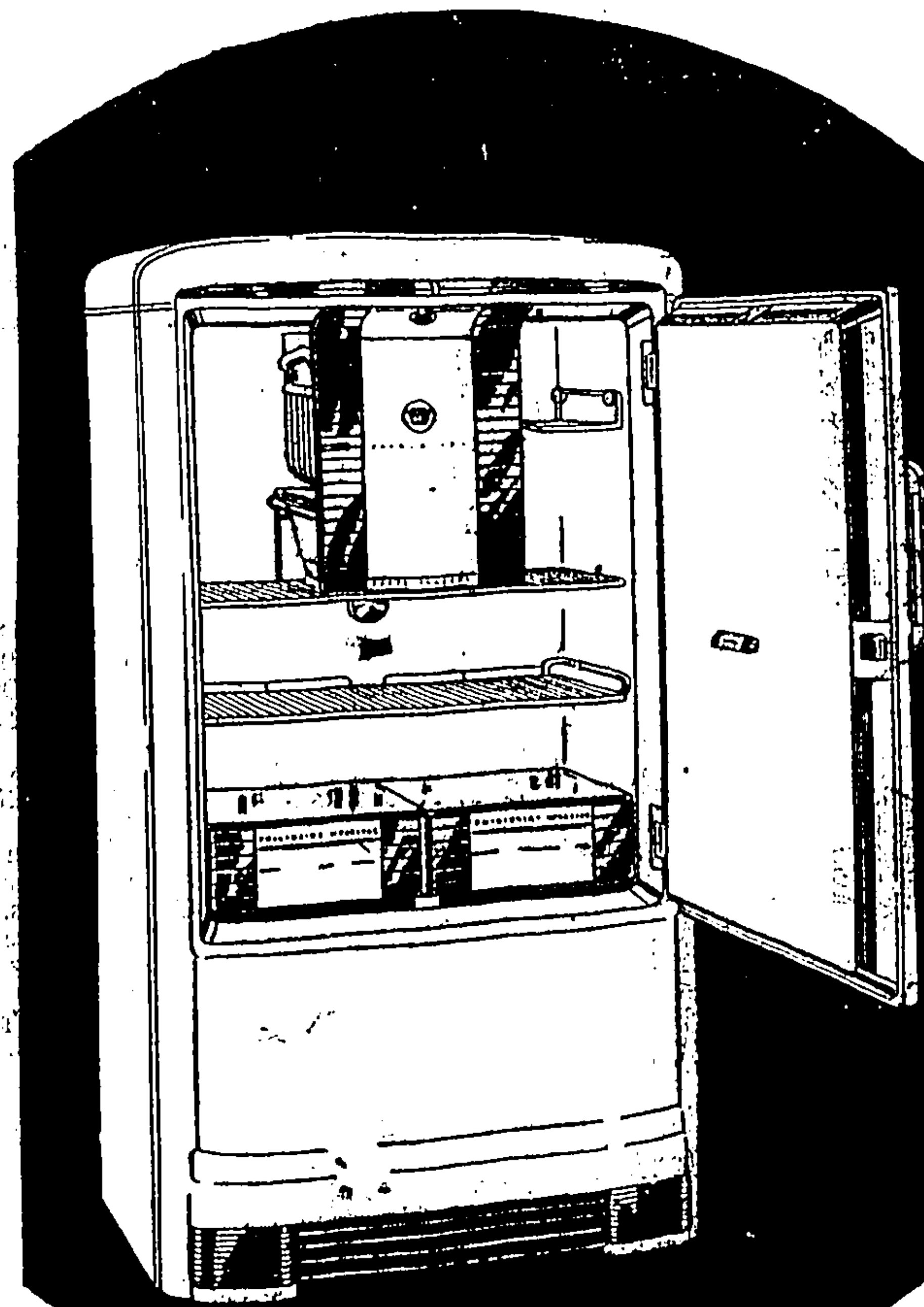
His opponent being ranked as one of the four strongest players in the Tournament, Danenberg scored a more spectacular win than did J. Grefalda, who pressed the Ponziani opening against W. Lee and lost a rook for a doubtful advantage of a passed pawn. Confident play aided by weak end game play on the part of Lee enabled Grefalda to extricate himself from a disadvantageous situation and he scored a splendid win.

The other two games in the Junior Tournament resulted in wins for A. Kurrik over A. Morton and for A. Y. Birlukoff over J. H. d'Almeida.

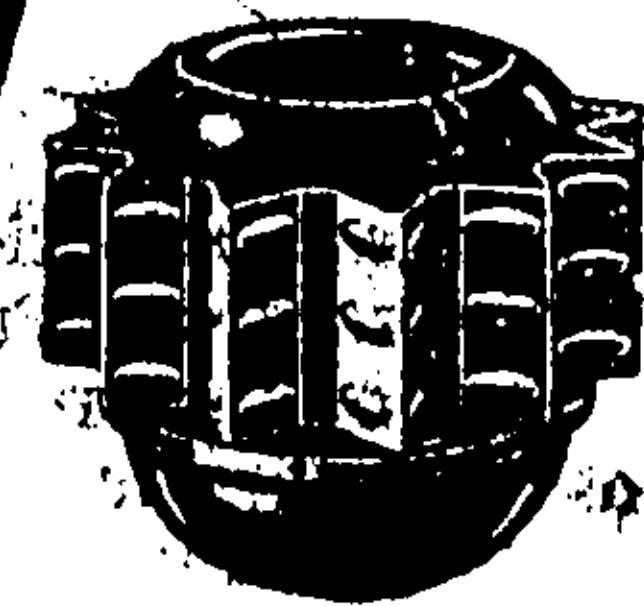
"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. first and second against the Nomads and the cond elevens at Hockey to-morrow, respectively, on the "Y" ground:

1st XI. at 4.15 p.m.—Benwell; Taylor and Yourie; Jordan, Combe and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Hitchcock, Oleson and Dunne.
2nd XI. at 3 p.m.—Cleggett; Railton and Whitburn; Smits, Gorman and Spencelayh; Macey, Olson, Dormer, Fancey and Banks.



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JUBA RIVER FORCED

Imperial Force Resumes Advance In Somaliland

Striking Order Of Day By General Cunningham

IL DUCE'S ERROR

The "Journal de Geneve" declared yesterday that Italy entered the war because she believed it would be quickly over.

She over-rated French resistance and underestimated British resistance, sharing the German illusion that Britain could not withstand repeated mass bombings.

Italy counted to ruin the British Empire, believing she would only fight a country in the last stage of feebleness.

She perceives to-day that she confronts a power able to hold out a long time, and with resources constantly increasing.

Italy's reverses are due to a false political calculation. Reuter

(From A Special Correspondent with the East African Force)

A STRIKING ORDER OF THE DAY WAS ISSUED BY LT.-GENERAL A. G. CUNNINGHAM, GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE EAST AFRICAN IMPERIAL FORCE, ON THE EVE OF THE SUCCESSFUL JUBALAND OPERATIONS.

"Hit them, hit them hard and hit them again," said the G.O.C., and the troops took the exhortation to heart.

Following the capture last Friday by South African infantry of an important Italian post and aerodrome at the mouth of the Juba River, nine miles from Kismayu, the enemy is now virtually expelled from Jubaland.

General Cunningham, in this Order, said: "The victory of the Imperial troops further north filled us in East Africa with pride and excited thought. No doubt the ensuing period has touched us with envy and there has been a strong desire to emulate their achievement. The chance is now here.

No Whit Behind

"This Force is no whit behind in dash, courage and endurance. Confident in this, I send to the South African and West African troops participating in operations a message of good luck."—Reuter.

Developing Well

It was officially announced in Cairo yesterday that Imperial troops have successfully crossed the Juba River, driving off enemy counter-attacks.

The communique adds that operations in this area are developing well. On other fronts there is no change in the situation.—Reuter.

The Jar of Jarabub

Rome broadcasts continue to say that the Italian soldiers in Jarabub, some 250 miles south of Sollum, near the Egyptian frontier, are putting up stubborn resistance.

What form this resistance takes is not known, for military circles in London are well aware that this quite considerable garrison has been pursuing the usual Italian tactics in Libya of complete inertia.

Our operations for months past, it is pointed out, have consisted in just watching this force and preventing it either being relieved or escaping. We have not attacked Jarabub for indeed this does not appear as yet necessary.

Boredom and the feeling of having been abandoned by their government are the main dangers that the garrison of Jarabub have had to face so far. — British Wireless.

BELATED EFFORT TO BOLSTER MORALE

Somewhat belatedly the German official news agency is now endeavouring to give a more flattering picture of Italian resistance in Libya.

The agency says that, according to information gathered from British prisoners captured in North Africa, the Italian guns at Bardia had a "murder effect on the enemy."

It adds that of over 2,000 British attackers only about 100 came out unscathed and the remainder were mown down by shrapnel or decimated by Italian machine-guns.

Wounded natives, says the agency, are now being cared for in Egypt and thousands of wounded Australians have been sent to Palestine, where all hospitals are already crowded out.

ACTUALLY, BRITISH LOSSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE CLEAR BY A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO ON JANUARY 8, WHICH STATED THAT "TOTAL BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES INCURRED IN THE CAPTURE OF BARDIA WERE LESS THAN 600."—REUTER.

MATSUOKA'S DIPLOMATIC MANOEUVRE

The Indian press yesterday dismissed the Japanese mediation move merely as a diplomatic manoeuvre and draws attention to Japan's inconsistency.

The Nationalist "Bombay Sentinel" says Japanese mediation is not wanted. With Britain's growing preparations in the Far East the Japanese daily are becoming more friendly.—Reuter.

Rough Census To Be Taken

A semi-official census of Hong Kong's Population is to be taken next month.

Some 3,500 Air Raid Wardens will visit houses on three consecutive nights — from March 7 to March 10 — between 6 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. for this purpose.

The only questions which are to be asked, concern nationality, age, and sex, and it was stated by the A.R.P. Department this morning, that the primary object is to find out how the population is distributed in the Colony.

With this information, the A.R.P. Department will be able to plan how to divide air raid-shelter accommodation and will also be of great help in the distribution of food in the event of an emergency.

"PROTECTED AREAS" IN BOMBAY

The Government of India "Gazette" yesterday declared oil depots, waterworks, dams and electric power stations, certain district headquarters and elsewhere all over Bombay province "protected places" under the Defence Rules, as a special precaution. — Reuter.

SHIPBUILDING IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government is shortly appointing a Commission to arrange for a substantial shipbuilding programme for merchant shipping. The sum of £6,000,000 has already been allocated for this purpose.—Reuter.

THREE PER CENT.

UNITED STATES MAYORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF CITIES ON THE EAST AND WEST COAST, WERE YESTERDAY URGED BY MR. LA GUARDIA, MAYOR OF NEW YORK, TO TACKLE IMMEDIATELY THE PROBLEM OF AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Mr. LaGuardia was speaking at the Mayors' Conference at St. Louis (Mo) and added that while there was a 97 per cent chance of not being attacked, neither the United States Government nor any mayor could afford to take the three per cent chance. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

YESTERDAY WAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DAY FOR THE GREEK TROOPS WHO, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE FROM G.H.Q., OCCUPIED STRONG ENEMY POSITIONS AND CAPTURED 200 PRISONERS, INCLUDING OFFICERS.

In addition numerous automatic arms and much material fell into Greek hands.

There were also successes in the air. Enemy military objectives were successfully bombed and five enemy planes brought down in active combat.—Reuter.

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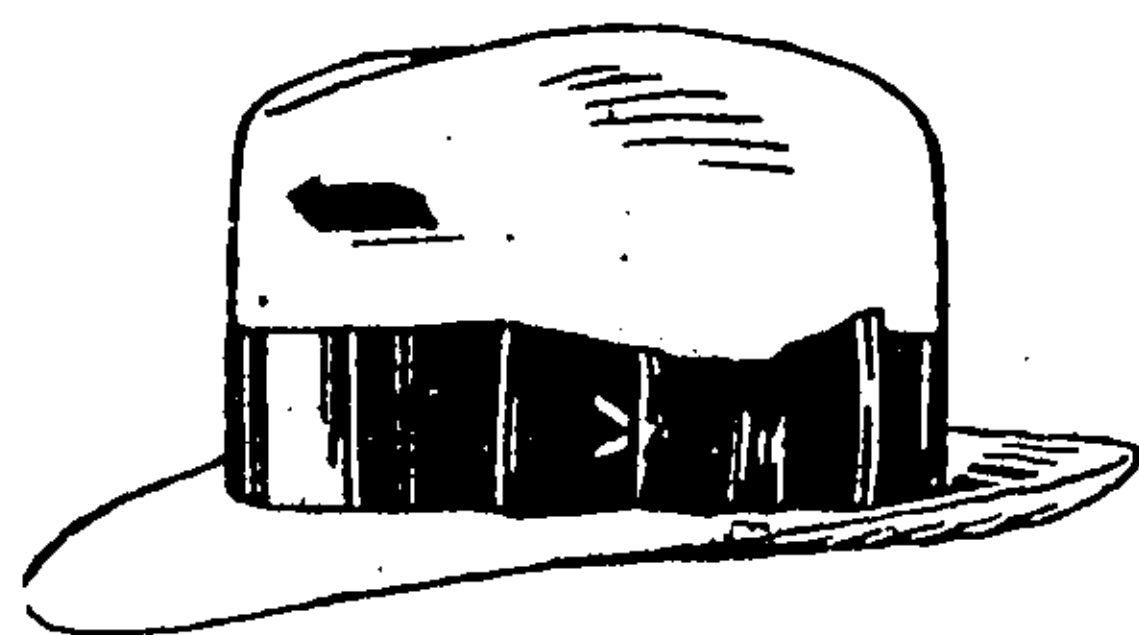


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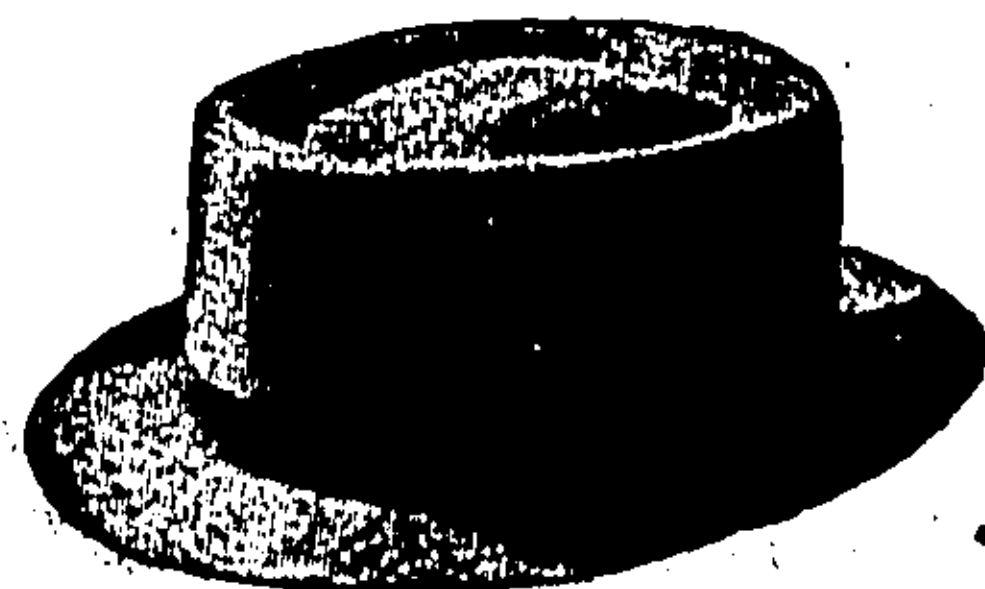


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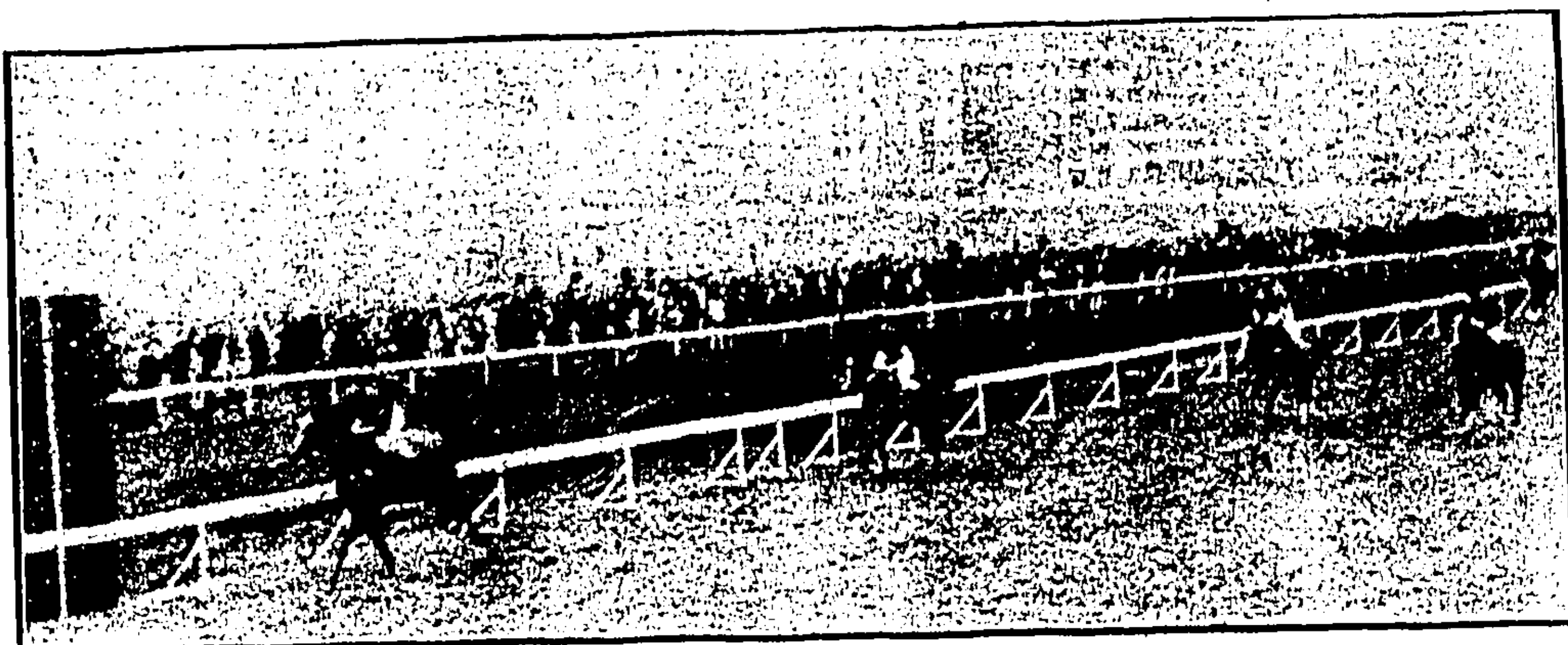
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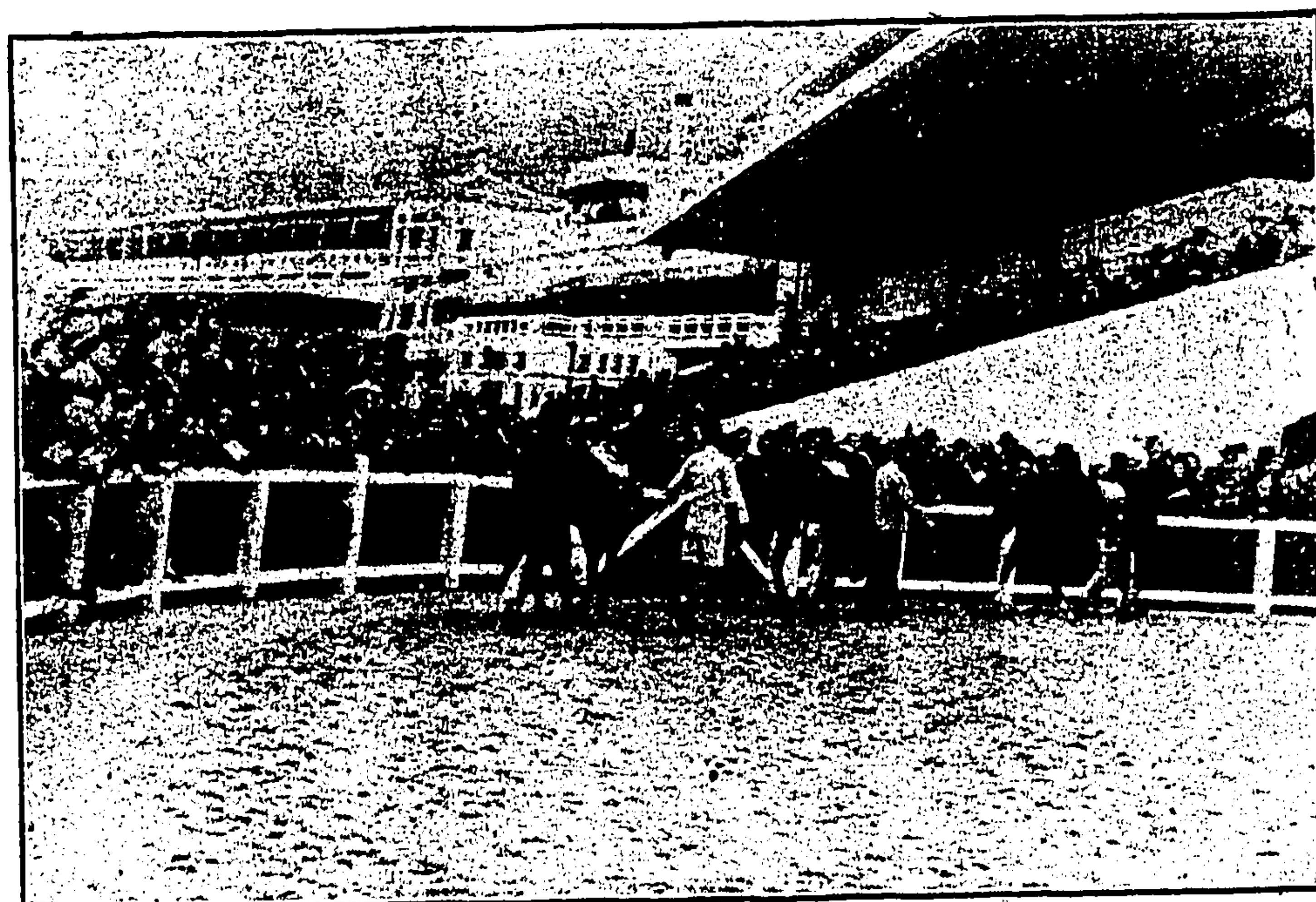
The Races



Hollandia's Dutch Treat (Mr. Botelho up) being led in after its excellent win in the Garrison Cup event on Tuesday. It paid \$78.50 for its win.



Sapper winning the Coral Handicap by 5 lengths from Far View, with Viceroy, right, third and Australian Diamond fourth.



The scene in the Paddock prior to the running of the Hong Kong Derby on Tuesday.



Winner of the third section of the Sydney Maidens on Monday was Young Bros.' National Welfare (Mr. Tao up), seen here being led in after its success. It paid \$51.90 for a win.



A new picture of Mr. Winston Churchill, dynamic leader of the British Empire war effort.



(Left)—H. E. Major-General A. E. Grassett leading in Mrs. Grassett's Sapper (Mr. Davis up) after its convincing win in the Coral Handicap.



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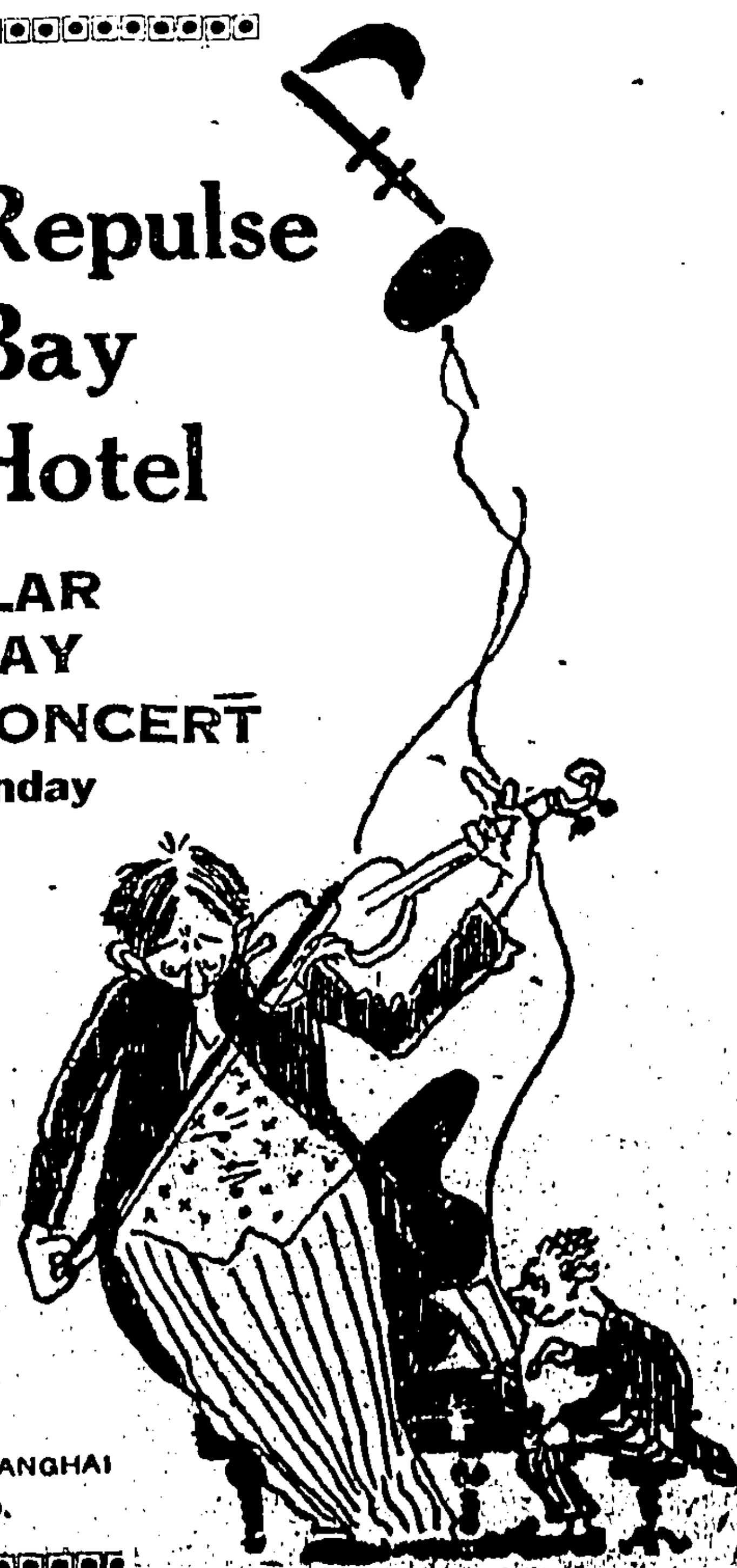
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SHORT STORY

“FEAR” By MAY WYNNE

“The reputation of the place,” said Carr drily, “is not pleasant. I’m not a psychic myself, but I have spoken to friends who are altogether reliable good, common-sense chaps who went to the barn from various motives: curiosity, amusement, honest-to-goodness interest in psychic phenomena, and they tell me they would neither repeat the experience nor speak of it. In fact one and all struck me as men who had been afraid.”

Fenley chuckled. Without being a boaster he enjoyed his reputation as a man who did not know the meaning of the word fear.

Carr’s speech rang as a challenge which he accepted without hesitation.

“I’m not psychic either,” he retorted, “but the subject interests me when handled by an expert, and irritates me when it forms a thrill for old women and flappers. I’ll go to Halson Barn to-night just for the fun of the thing, and also to experiment on a man who interests me—you know Darnall?”

Carr nodded, not altogether pleased at hearing the name. He not only knew Fane Darnall, but respected him. The latter was in his third year at the Varsity and had decided to read for the Church. Not a particularly popular man, except amongst tennis

players. He was one who usually preferred his own company and had the reputation of being nervous to a degree.

What Fenley wanted with Darnall in respect to Halson Barn Carr could only surmise.

Fenley was ready enough to explain. “Darnall has his views about ghosts,” he jested “has the theory of earth-bound spirits who need help. So I shall invite him to come along. Of course, if he gets the wind up badly I’ll have a Scotch ready for him—but it’s his own psychology I want to analyse for a character in my new book.”

Carr looked at the speaker thoughtfully.

“Your affair,” said he, “it reminds me of a youngster who used to set the wings of his moths before the dope of the killing bottle had killed them. He was interested in watching the signs of returning life.”

Fenley reddened.

“Darnall has a perfectly free choice,” he said coldly. “He can refuse my invitation, and he can make all the enquiries about the barn. After all, it is probably a put up job of poachers to keep people from using the place.”

Carr said no more—but learned later that Darnall and Fenley were going to tackle the spook of the old barn.

Curiously enough, though it became the subject of bets, neither of the men were ragged about their decision.

Carr was not the only one to think Fenley was taking a mean advantage of a man who combined theories with a physical nervousness which is so often misinterpreted as cowardice.

“Have you spoken to Dan Robinson about his experience,” Carr asked Darnall. “No one seems to give the vaguest clue to the mystery. I—er—don’t take it seriously, eh? but if there is any sort of element . . .”

Darnall smiled. He was a tall, plain-featured man, with a pair of the kindest eyes.

“I know the mystery of the barn,” he said quietly; “that is why I am going with Fenley. I would rather not say more than that.” He left Carr more puzzled than ever—and more resentful against Fenley.

The latter had adopted a manner of lazy indifference as he and Darnall tramped across the fields towards the derelict barn which

stood near a wood.

“Not much in the way of moonlight,” drawled Fenley, “but I dare say we shall get a spot of it at the psychological moment. The only grouse I shall have is if the Elemental doesn’t show up. Want something to freeze the chaps’ blood, eh? I suppose you are properly psychic and expect all sorts of manifestations. What’s the great idea with you?”

“I would rather tell you that afterwards,” said Darnall, “but, to be perfectly frank, I do expect—an experience.”

Fenley laughed. He was bored by the other’s attitude, but attributed it to a growing fear. It would make a clever little bit of character analysis for his book.

Darnall appeared quite content not to talk, and they reached the barn in silence.

The interior was no different to that of a hundred other old country barns. There were no hanging ropes suggestive of a noose; no upper floor or trap doors.

A quantity of rotting wood lay piled and propped at one end, and, as the young men entered, a couple of rats scurried across the floor.

“What about a perch over there?” asked Fenley, pointing to a couple of chopping blocks; but Darnall shook his head.

“I doubt if we have long to wait,” he replied. “Robinson told me the time he left—it was 11.30. It is just after eleven now.”

“I thought midnight was the correct time,” said Fenley, but, rather to Darnall’s surprise, he crossed over beside him.

The whole of the interior of the barn was in darkness, only around the open door space a faint light glowed.

The silence was complete. At first the watchers stood alert, concentrating on that strange search into the unknown, but presently, heedless of cobwebs, they lolled back against the wall.

Fenley was wondering in bored amusement if Darnall were getting enough of it all, when a sudden chill in the atmosphere startled him. It was no draught, or rising night breeze, but that strange sense of cold which is said to accompany any manifestation of the occult.

Yet there was nothing to see yonder within the radius of light . . . no sound to break the silence, and yet both were aware of a fear which gripped their senses and brought beads of perspiration to their brows.

Nether had ever heard of such an experience, and as their pulses beat in heavy throbbing, the intolerable fear grew. There was something terrible here, yet terrible in a new inexplicable way.

A fear which brought physical weakness without faintness. A horror which spoke of death and murder, yet showed no manifestation of crime.

It was as if the fear of a tortured soul had entered into each, an agony which rose to a climax and then vanished, leaving in its place a still grimmer horror. But for the darkness, each felt they might have seen eyes filled with agony and remorse; a murderer already repentant of his deed, whilst wave after wave of human despair left them dizzy and afraid . . . with a fear beyond the fear of death.

Fenley had entirely forgotten his companion, the study of another man’s character under nerve strain was utterly wiped out. His only desire was to escape from two experiences each as tragic as the other.

Caring nothing as to Darnall, heedless whether he had fainted or gone crazed under the ordeal, he reeled away, out into the moonlight . . . out across the meadows, sweating, trembling, till a hand gripped his shoulder, and he saw Carr.

“Where,” asked the latter harshly, “is Darnall?”

Fenley’s laugh was eerie enough. “I left him to hobnob with the devils,” he replied. “I’ve had enough of them.”

“You know what fear is,” stated Carr, and got the answer which he might have asked for in vain to-morrow.

“Fear,” muttered Fenley, “it was fear. But I’m not translating it for your benefit. You’ll probably find Darnall a gibbering maniac.”

“Ah!” said Carr, “and you left him to it!”

Then he went back across the revelation.

fields to Halson Barn.

Darnall was standing on the threshold—he looked at his friend with an understanding smile.

“I am going,” he said, “to a man in need. Afterwards I will tell you the reason for a ghost that is laid.”

It was impossible to ask questions, though Carr’s wonder grew. Darnall, pale enough, smiled as though he took a message of good news.

It was the loneliest of cottages to which he went. A dreary place with weed-choked garden and the air of desolation.

It struck Carr as curious that his friend was evidently expected. A man, gaunt, lean and tired in expression, stood on the threshold. Darnall gripped his hand and they went in together.

Carr waited for an hour—it seemed impossible to go home leaving the mystery unsolved.

At last Darnall came out alone and joined him. The two walked away without speaking at first.

Carr felt no wish to criticise or joke about the flight of fear-stricken Fenley. He sensed something bigger than any of them had allowed for.

Then presently Darnall spoke.

“I am going to tell you the story, Carr,” he said, “but first I must ask you neither to tell Fenley or any others. To me there is something too pitiful and sacred in this tale of human suffering to allow it to be told as a mere ghost tale.”

“I have always been interested in the occult. My theory is that when anyone comes back from the Unseen World there must be a very definite reason. I have proved this twice. When I heard the men talking of the haunted barn I did not question those who had gone to exploit a ghost, but made enquiries from local friends.

“Finally I elicited the yarn of a gamekeeper and his wife living about a mile from the barn. They had no children, and I suppose were quite devoted; the only trouble was the man’s fits of temper, amounting to mania.

“When one of his ‘rages’ came on he seemed capable of any crime, but with his wife these attacks were very rare till the time when they quarrelled over her perfectly innocent friendship with her cousin, Peter, forbade Annie to go out with him—and she disobeyed. His fury was terrible, and he warned her he would do her in if she disobeyed again.

“She disobeyed—overruled by the other lad’s gay coaxing, but she knew her husband had learned of her folly, and when the time drew near for his return home panic fear seized her.

“The cottage, as you saw, was in the loneliest of places, and the young woman, timid and afraid, must have worked herself up into a frenzy so that at last, catching up her cloak, she ran out and away to Halson Barn, where she hid amongst the wood.

“To understand what happened to-night you must try and experience the agony of horror overwhelming the terrified girl—she was little more. Loving the man wholeheartedly, she could pity him as the victim of a maniac’s fits. She visualised the horror of the deed she was convinced he contemplated.

“And then, as she crouched there in terror, she heard him call her name . . . and so great was her terror, that she sank down there—in death.

“It was there he found her, saw the piteous terror stamped in the open eyes, and knew what her fear had been. He had come, raging, too blind with anger to know what he intended to do—though he had thrust a knife from the table into his pocket.

“Seeing her dead, realising his mad folly, he knew there the fear I was cognizant of to-night. I came, expecting such an experience. As the fear passed I prayed that Annie might know of her man’s grief, and he of her forgiveness.

“I believe I was used as a medium between two worlds, even though I am no Spiritualist.

“By prayers I was permitted to serve. Annie’s home will have again the spirit of peace. Annie’s husband will take up his life again.

“The ghost of Halson Barn will bring no more a fear that is dead.”

The dawn was breaking as the two reached their college.

To John Carr, too, had come a

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Chapters Of Heroism

In London's Bombarded East End

By Maurice Fagence

I HAVE just spent two hours in London's East End. In case you don't know London, that's where the bulk of her poorest people live.

Two hours! I might have lived through fifty years of some of our most glorious chapters in history yet come across less heroism.

And that is all you will get by way of introduction to the story I have to tell you.

I begrudge the words to tell you anything that's not in my note-book.

* * *

There's Mrs. Halliday. She was buried in her cellar. They provided the ruins with a cane until a tug on the cane told them it had reached her.

Then they cut the inner tube of a bicycle and pushed one end down to her.

"We're sending you some milk," they shouted, thinking that a seventy-six-year-old woman would like nothing better.

"Make it beer," said a faint voice.

When a local publican had rolled out the barrel, a somewhat stronger voice said: "What about cheese and biscuits to make a meal of it?"

Two minutes' work by a Canadian soldier with a crowbar, and she had her cheese and biscuits.

* * *

An ex-soldier stood in the ruins of his home.

He had made the last payment to the building society on September 3. The house was his at last.

He looked round at the pile of rubble.

Somebody sympathised.

"Aw, what does it matter?" he said. "Property's nothing. You can repair properly."

You couldn't have repaired that property, which he had been paying for twenty years.

But there's none so blind as those who prefer not to see.

None so wonderful, either.

This may not sound so wonderful, until you think it over.

At least fifty of the mothers-to-be in the maternity home that was hit said to their nurses: "I don't care, as long as baby is all right."

Perhaps most mothers-to-be speak that way.

But it doesn't make it less heroic.

This may not sound so remarkable either. A father with a leg cruelly injured carried his daughter to a rescue squad.

There was blood on her face.

"If you don't take my daddy, you don't take me," she said.

* * *

The woman of seventy-odd, a typical George Belcher character, was sent to a first-aid post with a broken arm.

"What's the fuss?" she kept asking in unladylike language. "What the hell's the fuss?"

"Broken arms are broken arms," said a St. John Ambulance worker.

You know 'em. They consider their pocket-money wasted unless they spend it on bandages for other people.

"Don't talk wet," said this unladylike person. "I've been through three wars and this isn't going to get me down."

I still prefer to call her a lady!

* * *

Let us move to Central London. A man who lets out coster-barrows to costermongers heard what was happening in London's East End.

"Who'll help me to push all my barrows down there?" he asked. "Blimey, I don't care if I don't get one back."

He found all the volunteers he wanted.

They set out—like those battered old tubs that sailed for Dunkirk.

It was two days before they got back. And what work they did in the meantime I can leave you to guess.

There was something of that

Dunkirk spirit in London's East End.

Soldiers Help

Hundreds of soldiers spending treasured days of leave in London set out for the East End when they knew what was happening there.

They helped with the work of rescue through days and nights, nights and days.

I spoke to one who had over-stayed his leave by thirty hours. He had helped to save scores.

I told him I'd write to his commanding officer to explain why he was overdue.

"No," he said reflectively. "I don't want anybody to think I'm swanking. And I can do seven days confined to barracks on my blasted head."

I reserve the right to tone down swear-words as I think fit.

Colonial and Dominion soldiers in particular were touched by the plight of women and children.

They were thinking of their own wives and youngsters.

"He's going to be paid back," they said.

I'll leave you to guess who "he" is.

* * *

I went into a pub. "How much money yer got, mate?" they asked as soon as I got in.

They wanted money for refugees pouring into the school opposite.

Many a man went in with the price of three pints and found it would only buy half a pint—and the comfortable feeling of having done something decent.

Landlords lost custom, yet handed over pound notes to make their losses more real.

A grocer stood in the wreckage of his shop.

He went on serving as if nothing had happened.

"It goes down on the account," he said to each customer.

The wonderful old liar. There were no accounts. They had been destroyed. Nor was he trying to remember.

He was giving everything away. I could tell you scores of stories about the heroism of the A.R.P. people.

There's so much more in my note-book, but I must turn from it for a moment.

I have a young colleague, under military age, who spends his nights doing unpaid A.R.P. work in London's East End and many hours of his days on the office roof looking for Huns.

And he has a note-book.

Without wasting a word, I'll tell you about some of the things in it.

He heard firemen, rushed to first-aid posts with burns and smoked eyes, complaining about the time taken in treating them.

It wasn't that they sought quicker alleviation of their pain.

They wanted to get back to the job of fighting the fire as quickly as they could.

This young colleague saw a young man sitting in agony with severe head wounds, protesting that he was "all right" until the last woman and child had been attended.

Then he fainted with pain.

He was ten times worse injured than anybody there—yet "I'm all right" was his refrain.

Holiday Spirit

Another note tells how a District Warden stood on a chicken hatch to see how the occupants of the Anderson shelters in a row of wrecked gardens were faring.

From a badly damaged shelter came a voice: "Nah, then. Nah, then. Lay off them there chickens, mate. I want to sell them when this packet's finished."

He mentions the bravery of women ambulance drivers.

"Even when bombs dropped they wanted to use their lipsticks," he observed.

The same note-book tells, how people rescued from bombed buildings were removed to refugee centres that were being

bombed preparatory to being taken away in cars and lorries that were being bombed.

They kept on singing, "There'll always be an England."

The note adds:

The spirit I observed in all these people was the spirit I have always noticed in them when they are going to Hampstead Heath for Bank Holiday.

This colleague saw hundreds of young men arrive and offer themselves for any jobs that might be going.

You know, young men with well-greased hair and dapper suits. The sort of young men to whom silly women gave white feathers in the last war.

They were put to lifting heavy stones and huge beams from wrecked buildings.

* * *

Right through the night those young men toiled, till their well-groomed hair was tousled and white with dust, their dapper suits torn, their hands bleeding, their muscles—in many instances unused to such heavy toil—pleading for the rest that their stout hearts refused to confer.

Even when bombs rained round them they refused to give in.

Then there was the young lorry driver who had been working in the danger area for twenty hours, but was at last ordered to a point far outside London.

"Have a heart, mate," he pleaded. "I mightn't get a chance of getting back."

Much in my own and my colleague's note-books will have to go unprinted. Volumes could be told of the heroism of the people of the mean streets of London's East End.

But you know 'em.

You may have seen them only occasionally on a visit to London. You may have served with them in the last war.

You may have criticised them at times, as I criticised the cockneys when I first came to live among them—until I realised that their real pearls were in their hearts and not on their jackets.

I wish you could have seen them when Hitler tried to smash their spirit in three days.

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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER — ORDERS FROM HEADQUARTERS! By EDWIN ALGER

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This war is going to be a much more expensive business than the last. In 1918 our maximum daily expenditure had reached what then seemed a colossal figure—£7,000,000. This war, which Mr. Churchill visualises as running in to 1943, is already costing us between £9,000,000 and £10,000,000 every 24 hours.

We have already placed orders in the United States to the tune of some £800,000,000—something more than half of what we can pay cash for. But United States' capacity to help in the matter of supplies is still in its infancy. In time we hope to see the American stream become a flood.

Tied To Wall Street

Let us be certain that we shall float into victory on this flood, not founder into a peace like the last one.

War loans helped us to win the last war; the problems they gave rise to helped us to lose the peace.

Upon whether we shall be tied to the leg to Wall Street or

bound in an understanding of our mutual indebtedness will depend whether the next peace will be one dictated by the money bags or by the desire of intelligent public opinion on both sides of the Atlantic to lay the basis of a saner international system.

Tariff Frontiers

The last war landed us in a financial mess and in a competitive war with America that did a lot to shape the tragic course of the events which culminated in September, 1939.

It was out of this mess that emerged the scramble to build up tariff frontiers, which lie much more at the root of the present war than the political frontiers of Versailles.

When France was still our ally a joint economy was born, which was to continue after the war,

The orders which are now being placed with United States industry imply a great deal of mutual planning and division of labour as between the two countries.

The Americans admit that their industry is being assisted into a high degree of efficiency to meet

By DAVID RAYMOND

the United States defence programme by the "fighting experience" contained in every British war order. Can this be extended into a cooperation that will outlast the needs of war and to cater for the new world which Roosevelt has visualised as one in which there shall be no hungry people?

Or, as happened before, are our capitalists to spend money to build up a rationalised American industry that will sweep us out of competitive markets when the war ends?

These may be unkind—and even tactless—questions to raise at the moment when we are seeking American aid in our life-and-death struggle.

But they are questions that must be faced. They are bound up with the question of our war aims. Roosevelt got the majority of the American people to vote for him not only because he wanted to help Britain, but also because he had educated them to a conception of a sound peace that must follow the war.

Remember 1931

The British Government is now considering its war aims, and may

declare them. Here lies the key to the future of Anglo-American cooperation.

The American people will not travel far with us if our rulers have in mind another Versailles Europe. They will not underwrite a system that repeats all the errors of the last peace.

And we cannot withdraw into an Anglo-American union that ignores Britain's position as a Continental Power without becoming in effect a colony of a greater American Empire.

The British people's resistance has inspired the American democracy to give us help that it was reluctant to give in the days when our efforts were half-hearted and the smell of Munich was still in the air.

If we tell the American people what we are fighting for, what sort of place we want to make of the post-war world, we shall capitalise the present mood of the two peoples and convert any assistance America gives us into a token of our interdependence.

DAVID RAYMOND.

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Matched Make-Up

Be Meticulous

Women have been taught that make-up colours should definitely harmonise and as a group they should enhance her natural beauty. An orange-red lipstick certainly does not go with a rose rouge and a pink powder. An orange-red lipstick requires a rouge of the same colour, but slightly lighter in shade, and the powder should be on the tannish, rather than the pinkish blend. If one's natural colouring is not flattered by such a combination it should not be worn even though the orange-red might be decreed high cosmetic fashion. Some skins are flattered by rose-hued make-up aids, others by purple-tinged make-up and still others by more intense scarlet. It is up to the individual woman to select the most becoming make-up combination and to wear clothes colours which harmonise with that combination.

During summer, let us say, when our skins have been tanned shades deeper, we might be able to vary our make-up combination, but the rest of the time we must be pretty loyal to the colour most flattering to our natural skin tone.

Now Matched For You

Time was when women had to shop from counter to counter to get a rouge to blend with a chosen lipstick. Then her next problem was powder — the choice being anything but satisfying as most powder mixtures were too light in shade. Now all this frantic shopping can be avoided by buying matched make-up that comes complete.

A famous Fifth Avenue salon was the first to offer lipstick, nail polish, rouge, powder and eye-shadow all in one box—the shades perfectly matched. But now several firms have assembled combinations.

One has presented us with powder base, lip and cheek rouge in stick form (to simplify its application) and an exquisitely textured powder to match the powder base. Each combination is keyed to flatter a basic complexion type, and there are four combinations. Your specific combination will give you a flawless looking complexion that stays intact for hours and the joy of this presentation is its price—even school girls will not wince!

Put On Clean Skin

Once you have your little box of matched make-up, don't grow



The gay young blade says it's foolish to spend your money on silly things unless they're awfully young and cute.



Always imagine that a candid camera is about to take your picture. That will inspire you to meticulous grooming. This beauty has just evenly outlined her lips with that new deep lipstick shade beloved by chic women. It has the richness of a deeply coloured tulip.

If your eyebrows invariably bleach in the sun try smoothing them down with white vaseline before you go to play out of doors winter or summer. The vaseline prevents them from bleaching just as oil prevents your skin from burning. They look sleek to boot!

Vaseline applied on lashes and brows before a swim is a good trick too for vaseline is water repellent. They will look long, dark and heavy when you emerge from the briny deep!

Astringent Bleach

Here is an astringent wash which corrects coarse pores, remedies oily skin and bleaches discoloured skin. Apply with a sponge each night and morning on face and any part of the body. Cucumber juice one and one-half ounce, Tincture of Benzoin one-half ounce, cologne one ounce and edlerflower water five ounces. Put the Tincture of Benzoin in an eight ounce bottle, add the other ingredients previously mixed and shake well.

If your hair is naturally curly dress it simply — don't strive for an elaborate coiffure. The beauty

careless about your skin care. Keep your face thoroughly cleaned each day with a bland soap and water washing, and a cream cleansing. If needed. Never apply one coat of make-up over a tired coat of make-up unless you wish to invite a whole crop of unlovely blemishes. Use your make-up aids sparingly — remember they are meant to enhance your natural beauty not to substitute for it! Young things should reserve detailed make-up for gala parties—the rest of the time lipstick should suffice.

of your hair polished to a sheen through careful grooming is sufficient. Keep your complexion youthfully aglow and free of all blemishes and wear make-up to flatter your natural colouring.

Your Hands

No woman looks perfectly groomed if her hands are neglected. The skin should be soft and free of stains. The nails should be free of cuticle hangnails and the polish unchipped. With a little practice you can learn to change your polish in a jiffy. Fresh polish, evenly applied gives your hands a well-cared for look. It is important to use the "base" liquid of the same brand as your lacquer polish.

To look fresh as a daisy and perfectly groomed observe these rules of make-up: Keep your eye-brows trim by plucking the stragglers; touch the faded ends of your lashes with a little darkening; use a foundation cream or lotion to keep your make-up intact; match your powder to your current skin tone; wear no rouge during the daytime or just a speck artfully blended with your foundation cream; keep your lip outline even. Smeared lips ruin the beauty of many faces. See that your neck is powdered too. Keep your hair tidy.

Have A Dressing Table

With all your beauty aids assembled at your dressing table, grooming is very much simplified. You can make your own dressing table if you haven't one. Begin with an ordinary table. Tack on a ruffled or pleated skirt and hang a mirror on the wall above or place a small standing mirror in the centre of the table. Buy two cardboard cabinets with drawers and place under the skirt.

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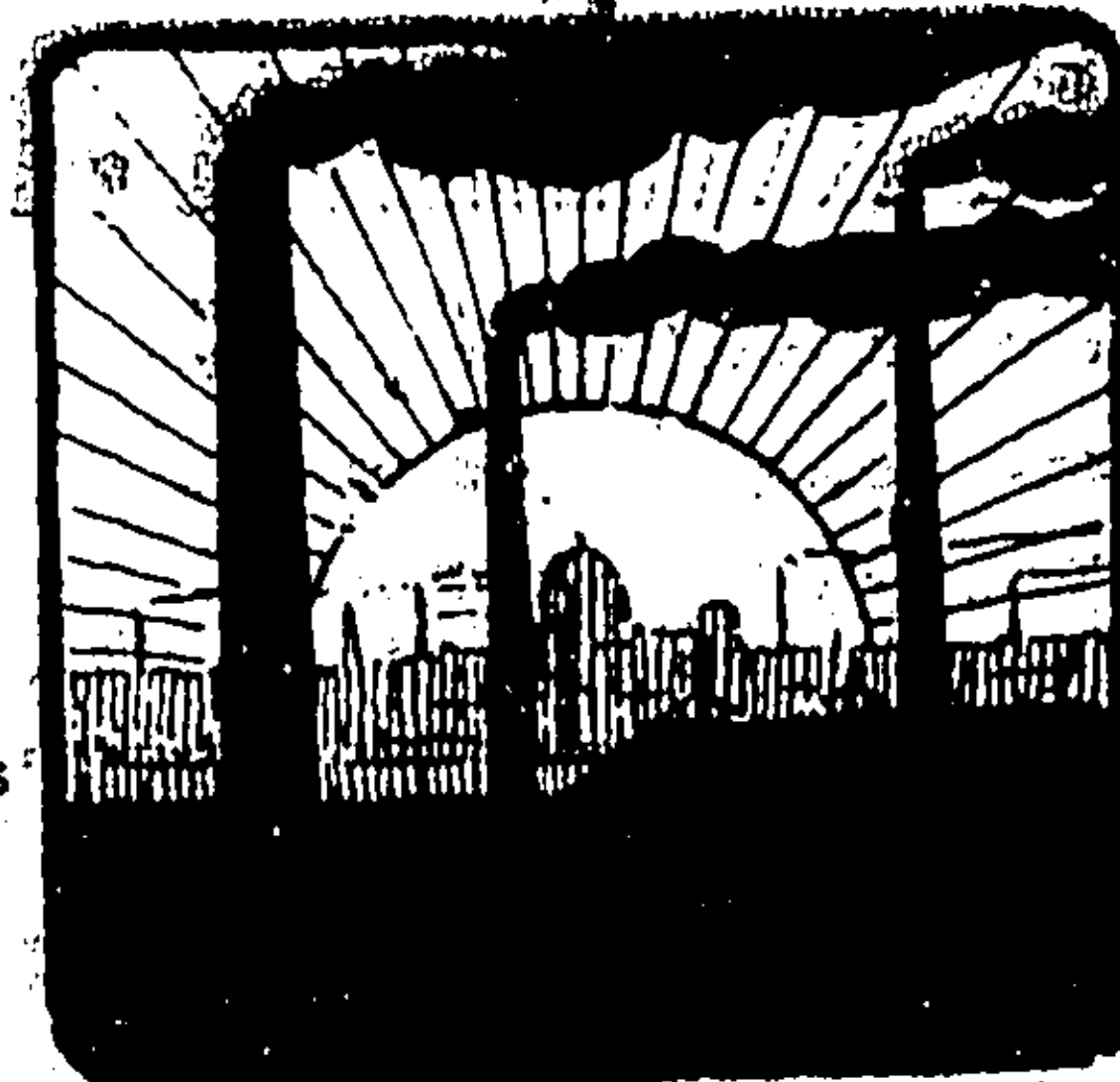
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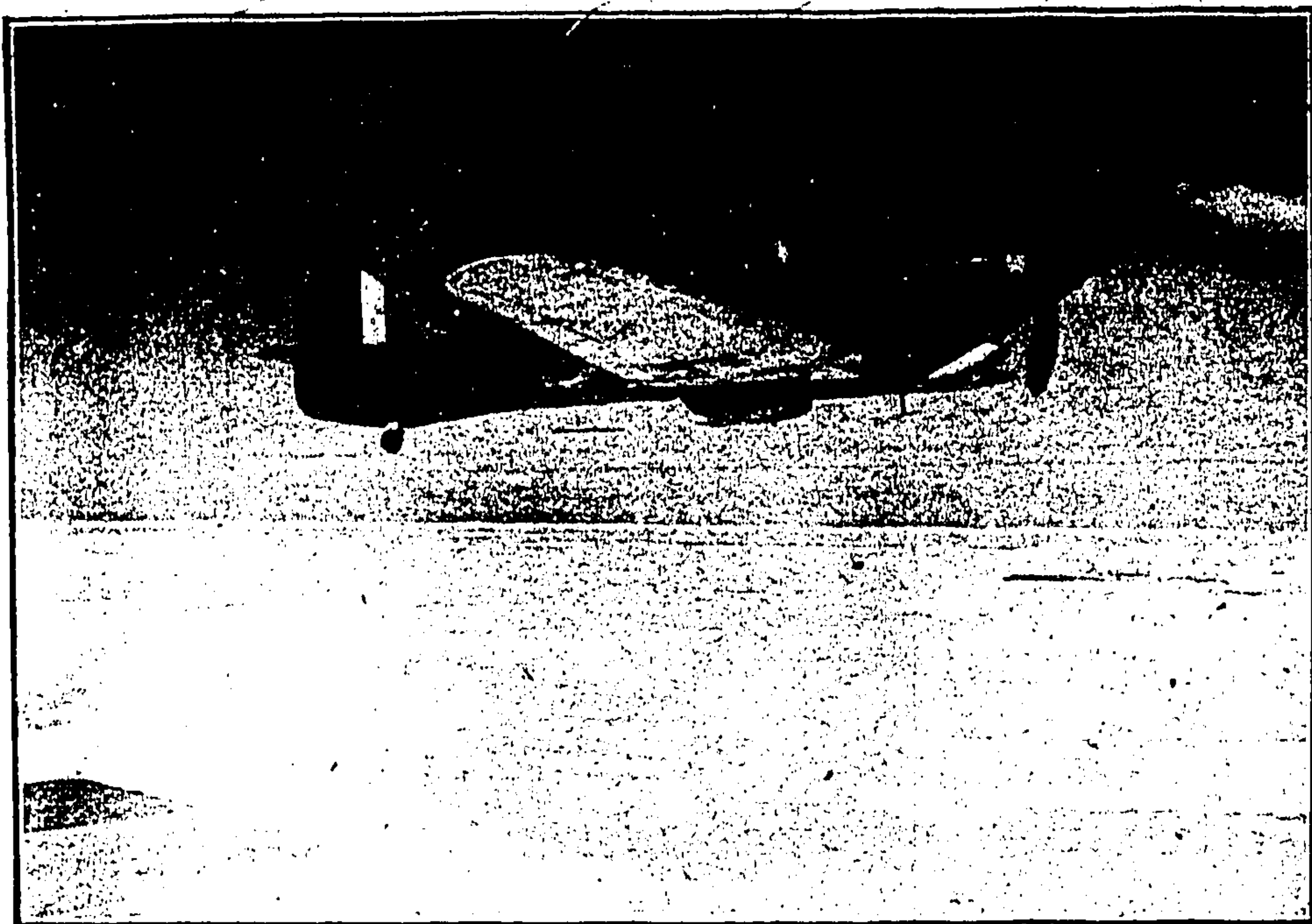
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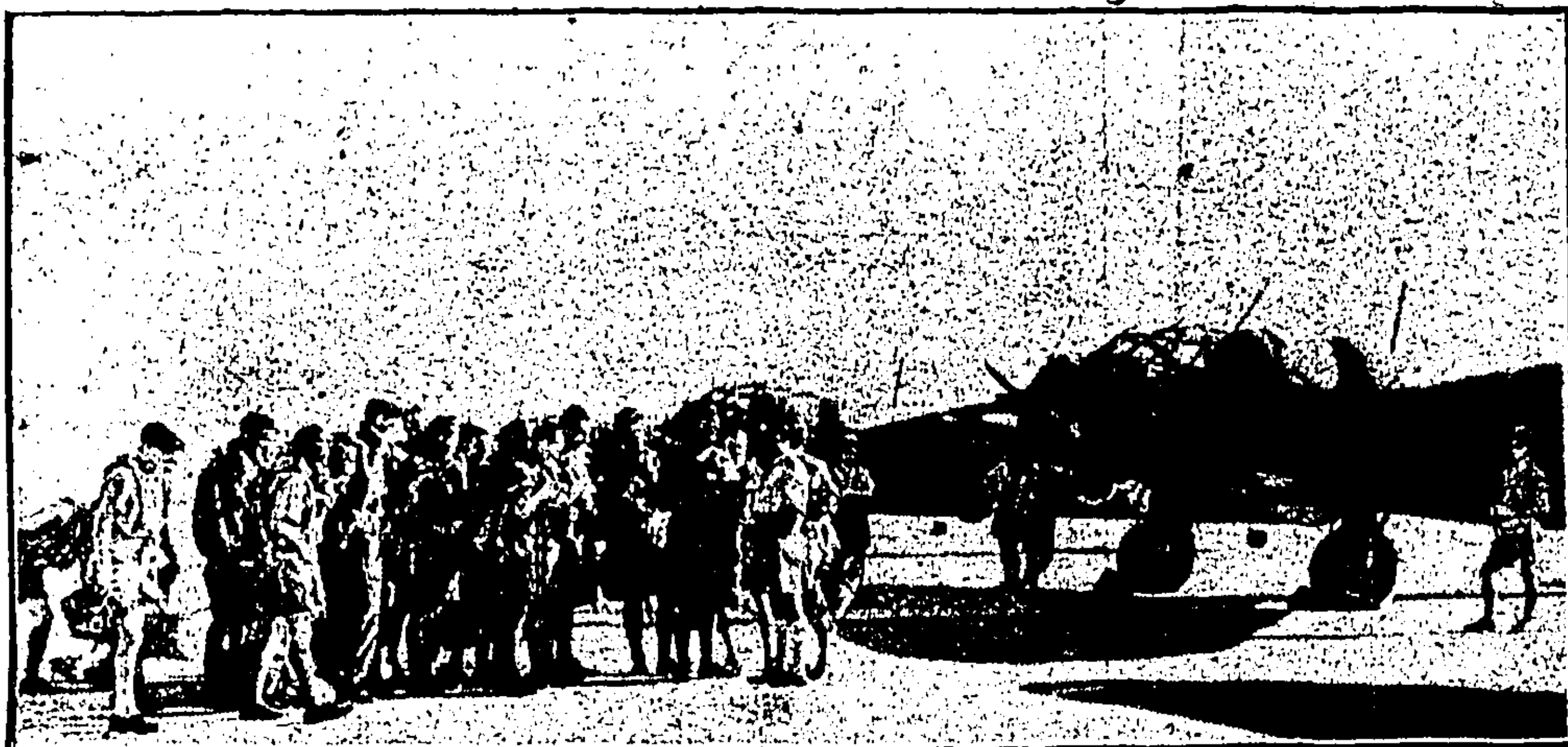
The Allied Victors Of Libya



A Hurricane patrolling the desert in search of low flying enemy aircraft. (Copyright, Fox).



WITH THE FREE FRENCH FORCES.—The Unit Commander discusses an item with Officers of the Unit. (Copyright Fox).



THE R.A.F. AT WORK IN THE WESTERN DESERT.—Blenheim bomber pilots chatting on their desert aerodrome before taking off on a raid. (Copyright, Fox).



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The guard at a French camp in the desert. The notices show that gaiety is not lacking even though combined with caution. (Copyright, Fox).

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The House of Representatives vote to fortify Samoa and Guam has been received with irritation in Tokyo.

A Japanese spokesman declared it was natural for Japan to feel concerned.

Referring to the recent statements made by Congressmen and Senate leaders, the spokesman said: "When did Japan say she would go to war, or attack Singapore?"

The spokesman added that Japan was getting tired of irresponsible statements abroad.

Unofficial circles declare that the American decision to fortify Guam and Samoa indicates that the United States and Britain are trying to bluff Japan and, therefore, aggravating relations. — International News Service.

**GREEKS
KEEP IT UP**

YESTERDAY WAS ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DAY FOR THE GREEK TROOPS WHO, SAYS A COMMUNIQUE FROM G.H.Q., OCCUPIED STRONG ENEMY POSITIONS AND CAPTURED 200 PRISONERS, INCLUDING OFFICERS.

In addition numerous automatic arms and much material fell into Greek hands.

There were also successes in the air. Enemy military objectives were successfully bombed and five enemy planes brought down in active combat. — Reuter.

**MATSUOKA
EXPLAINS**

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, last night denied the report from London that he had offered mediation to Mr. Eden, the British Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Matsuoka said his message to Mr. Eden was sent in reply to a query on the Indo-China-Thailand mediation, although "I expressed my views concerning the estab-

**JAPANESE
FORCES MOVING
SOUTHWARD**

Japanese army contingents are being transported southward from Formosa and even from Japan itself, according to confirmed reports, says a Shanghai telegram to the Dow Jones agency in New York.

The troops are presumably bound for Hainan or northern Indo-China, the report adds. — Reuter.

**MALAYA
DEFENCE
SECRETS**(By W. W. Chaplin)
(Special to the "China Mail") — Copyright

I was recently shown the secrets of Singapore and I know Britain is determined to defend it with all the strength she can possibly spare from the European conflict.

I also know that official British circles consider the safety of Singapore so vital that if Britain has the only choice of losing that or Gibraltar, Britain would prefer to let Gibraltar go. Britain has backed her determination to hold Singapore against all odds with probably the most concentrated strength ever packed into one small district. — International News Service.

**MENZIES CONFERS
WITH CHURCHILL**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, conferred with Mr. Churchill in London last night on the Far East crisis.

It is obvious that Mr. Menzies' trip to London is linked with the British reinforcement of Singapore. — International News Service.

ishment of world peace therein." — Reuter.

**Assertion In
London Newspaper**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE LONDON "DAILY EXPRESS" ASSERTED YESTERDAY THAT MR. MATSUOKA, THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, HAS SERVED "ULTIMATUMS" ON FRENCH INDO-CHINA AND THAILAND.

The "ultimatums" demand "unlimited facilities" for the Japanese navy, army and air force on Thai and Indo-Chinese territory.

The demands were presented after a special meeting of the Japanese War Cabinet, according to the "Express."

The paper said Tokyo is "adopting the Hitler technique preliminary to an invasion" by claiming that Britain has reinforced Singapore and Malaya "in readiness for an attack on Thailand." — International News Service.

Fretext For Move

A Japanese news agency report yesterday violently accused French Indo-China of drifting towards the pro-British elements of General de Gaulle.

The article says that Indo-China has failed to take a realistic view of the Japanese efforts to find a peaceful solution in Indo-China.

Military and economic measures recently taken by Indo-China were simply designed to checkmate Japanese influence in East Asia and the article accuses Indo-China of anti-Japanese activities in collaboration with Britain and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

The article further alleges that the sale of 200 planes from Singapore for Indo-China had been negotiated by a French military officer who, in exchange, was supplying information regarding Japanese movements and Indo-China defences. — International News Service.

Reluctant To Go In?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General George Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, told a secret session of the Senate Military Affairs Committee yesterday that the United States and Britain are rushing plane reinforcements to the Pacific because of "the seriousness of the Far East situation."

Members said later that General Marshall had told them: "Hitler is pressing Japan to get into the war immediately," but that Japan is reluctant to go in. General Marshall declined to say where United States planes had been sent. — International News Service.

Vichy Report

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Reports from Vichy suggest that Thailand is making extremely heavy demands on Indo-China, backed by the Japanese. — International News Service.

Malaya's Forces

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

At least 30,000 British and Imperial troops are now based in the Malay Peninsula, according to reports reaching Shanghai.

The Australian troops have taken up allotted defensive positions. — International News Service.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy generally, occasional rain.

**PANAMA
INQUIRY**

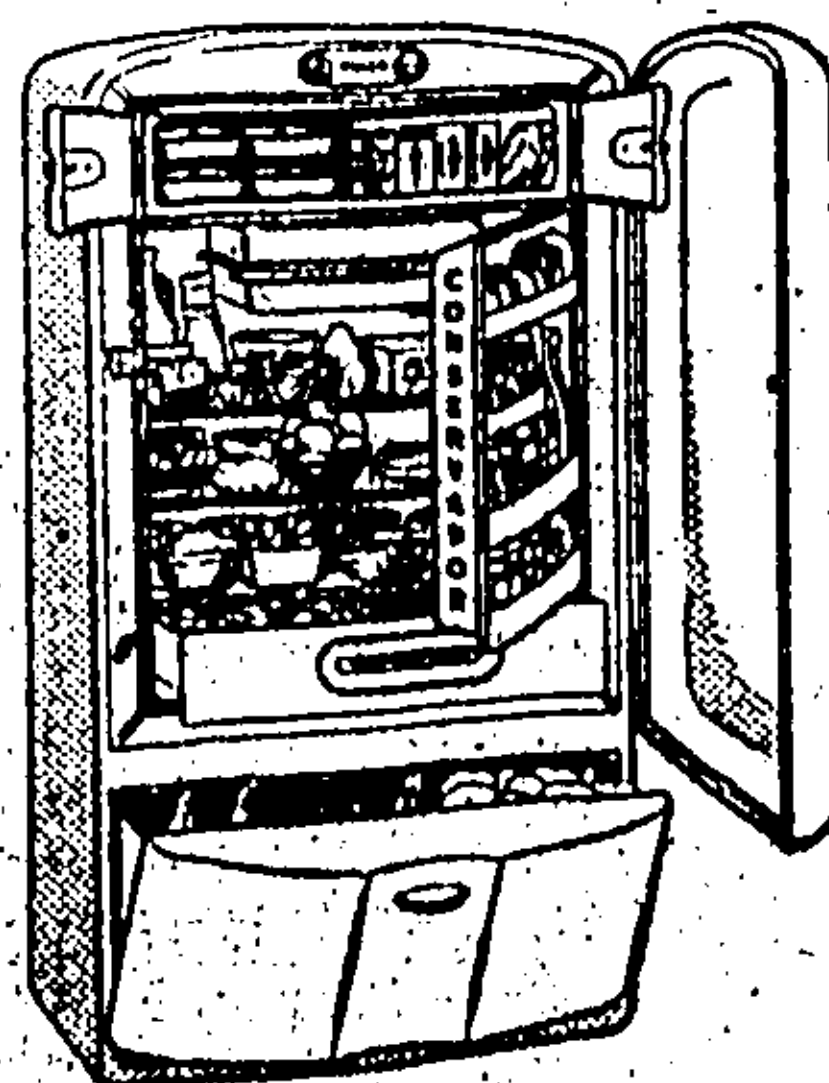
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Panama Department of the United States Government has started investigations in the Panama Zone in connection with the recent plane crashes which occurred in that area.

The possibility of sabotage is not discounted as during the last seven days as many as five planes have crashed. — International News Service.

**IL DUCE'S REQUEST
OF FRANCE**

A Vichy message states that Mussolini asked Marshal Petain, through General Franco, permission for Italian troops to cross Tunisia from Libya, in case of the collapse of Italian operations in Africa and that Marshal Petain refused. — British Wireless.

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THE NEW YORK "POST" yesterday hailed the arrival of Australian troops in Singapore as the first action by the Democracies for a decade against Japanese aggression, says Reuter.

World's Most Romantic Fraternity In Arms

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"THE MOST ROMANTIC fraternity in arms that this world has ever witnessed," was the description given yesterday by Lord Croft, Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for War, to the British forces in the Middle East and Africa, fighting over a front extending for 2,500 miles.

Lord Croft was speaking at a luncheon given by the Overseas League to Empire press correspondents in Britain.

"May I remind you," he said, "that it was a mixed force of British and Indian troops who struck the first fateful blow at Sidi Barrani; that at Bardia and Tobruk it was an Imperial and Australian force which had pride of place, along with the Royal Armoured Corps, and whilst the Armoured Corps in its amazing forced march routed the defenders of Benghazi from their bases, the Australians swept along by the coast road and completed the job."

"In this army are British Guardsmen and riflemen and numerous units of the Line — English, Highlanders and Welsh. New Zealanders are there and famous British cavalry regiments have added lustre to their great records of the past by showing themselves past masters of the war of speed. British Artillery, Engineers and the Royal Army Service Corps are there and the latter have been aided in the supply service by Cypriots, who for the first time fight on the British side."

In Eritrea

"South-east to Eritrea you find in the extreme north British troops advancing near the coast and threatening the Italian right flank."

"A hundred miles to the south British and Indian troops have made dramatic advances from the Sudan, capturing Kassala, Biscia and Agordat, and are attacking the immensely strong position of Keren."

"Further south British and Indian troops have captured Barentu and are still advancing."

"A fourth force of British, Imperial and Sudanese troops finally captured Gallabat and is advancing towards Gondar."

"A further 600 miles on, South African troops have advanced east of Lake Rudolph, penetrating deep into Abyssinia, and have, with Rhodesians and King's African Rifles, cleared all Kenya of the enemy and are thrusting north."

"Finally, 600 miles further east, troops of the Gold Coast, with the King's African Rifles, have conquered a great area of Italian Somaliland and have captured the important port of Kismayu and are now on the line of the River Juba."

Real Answer To Hitler

"When we remember that Canadian divisions and New Zealanders, with gunners from Newfoundland, are standing here at a vital part of this struggle to meet the first shock of invasion, that Australians and Imperial troops are reinforcing Singapore, that squadrons of Dominion airmen are sharing the highest honours of the heavens with the flower of the Old Country's youth, and that from the great Imperial centre of Canada they are coming and will yet come in their scores of thousands, you have a real answer to

Hitler — a brotherhood of free men in arms, inspired by a common faith and fighting for the common freedom that they prize above all."

"This is the real 'new order' — a comradeship so close united that it marches steadily through the Valley of Death so that the British Empire and civilisation as a whole may survive and triumph over the foul evil thing which seeks to destroy the soul of man." — *Reuter.*

CRIMINAL SESSIONS OPENED

AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING, SEVERAL CASES WERE TAKEN BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR.

Chan Chiu, Sin Ming and Li Kau, pleaded guilty, to a breach of the Deportation Ordinance. First defendant, who had three previous convictions, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour. Second defendant, with sixteen previous convictions, received a similar sentence, while third defendant, with eight previous convictions, was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Sentence on Tam Pong and Ip Shui, who pleaded guilty to possession of dangerous drugs, was deferred.

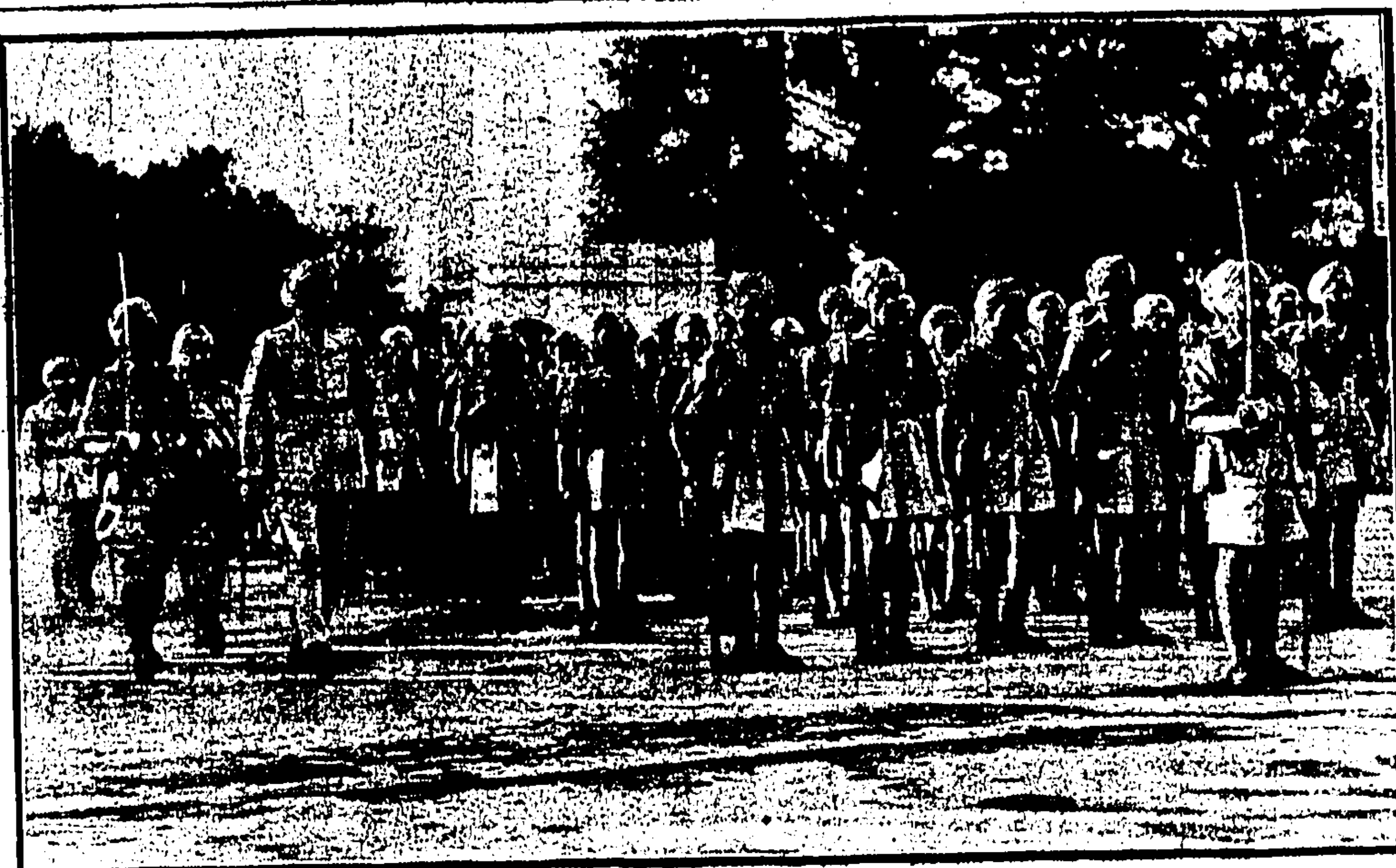
The case in which Frank Kenneth Jacobs, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, is charged with rape and indecent assault, and pleads not guilty, was based for hearing next Wednesday.

Chan Kwong, Ho Kwai Wah, Kwok Kwong and Wong Ping-chuen, pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery. First and third defendants were sentenced to fifteen months' hard labour and fifteen strokes of the cane. Second defendant was sentenced to eighteen months' hard labour and nine strokes, while fourth defendant, with seven convictions for larceny and one for wounding, was sentenced to twenty-one months' hard labour and twenty-one strokes of the cane.

Li Kam, pleading guilty to a charge of robbery was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

A.R.P. MEASURES IN SYDNEY

The Empire's preparedness for any eventualities is seen in a Dominions Office statement yesterday that air raid precautions in New South Wales will include the building of 12 shelters in Sydney, each accommodating 50 persons. Equipment will also be provided for first aid posts, while a bomb-proof stronghold 60 feet underground will be built in Sydney as a control centre for A.R.P. services. — *British Wireless.*



The Yadavindra Infantry of Patiala State which received its new Colours from His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala left for somewhere on active service the following day. This is yet another infantry regiment which the Patiala Government has been able to so far send to the aid of the British. Photo shows His Highness the Maharaja of Patiala inspecting troops prior to their departure. (Copyright, Fox).

NOT FIT FOR NAZI EYES!

It is estimated in New York that Americans are spending \$11,000 daily on receiver-to-pay telegrams to the German Propaganda Ministry in response to the Nazi broadcast invitation to state the kind of programmes they would like to hear from Germany.

A telegraph official stated yesterday that about 5,000 radio programmes are despatched to Berlin daily.

He said "a good proportion" of messages received had been rejected as they were too obscene or profane, while "a larger proportion" of those despatched have shown "distinct animosity." — *Reuter.*

SHIP SUNK BY GUNFIRE

The British submarine Sealion has destroyed a Norwegian ship of about 1,500 tons operating under German control off the Norwegian coast.

An Admiralty communique announcing this says Sealion allowed 15 minutes while the crew abandoned the Norwegian ship, and then sunk her by gunfire.

Her crew were quite safe in lifeboats as she was very close to land when abandoned. — *Reuter.*

The vessel was stopped and Sealion made signal instructions to the men to abandon ship. The master of the steamer replied by signal "Thank you." — *British Wireless.*

"PROTECTED AREAS" IN BOMBAY

The Government of India "Gazette" yesterday declared oil depots, waterworks, dams and electric power stations, certain district headquarters and elsewhere all over Bombay province "protected places" under the Defence Rules, as a special precaution. — *Reuter.*

SHIPBUILDING IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government is shortly appointing a Commission to arrange for a substantial shipbuilding programme for merchant shipping. The sum of £2,000,000 has already been allocated for this purpose. — *Reuter.*

ELEVEN ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

BOMBER AND FIGHTER UNITS of the R.A.F. in the Middle East, the South African Air Force and the Royal Australian Air Force brought yesterday's bag of enemy aircraft to 11, in addition to two further machines brought down the day before during engagements or bombing operations.

All yesterday's victims were Italian except one Heinkel machine.

Three Hurricanes engaged a formation of Heinkels on Wednesday and of the two British planes missing one is safe.

South African Air Force units destroyed 10 Italian aircraft during an attack on an aerodrome in the Asmara (Eritrea) area, while one Heinkel was brought down during an enemy raid on Benghazi, according to an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

It is now confirmed that Australian fighters on Wednesday shot down two additional Junkers machines.

In an attack on Asmara aerodrome buildings and hangars were hit while a transport park and repair ships at Dessie (Abyssinia), as well as moving troops on roads, were heavily bombed, large columns of black smoke pouring up from the ravaged workshops. — *Reuter.*

AUSTRALIAN MINISTER AT GAIMUSHO

Sir John Latham, Australian Minister to Japan called on Mr. Chuichi Chashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, yesterday.

Subjects of the conversation are not revealed though it is generally believed, says the Domei agency, that Mr. Chashi emphasised the need for the collaboration of the Australian Government in preventing any aggravation of the situation.

It is thought he declared that the "Far Eastern scare" was groundless. — *Reuter.*

ERSATZ SPECIAL

Tulip coffee is the latest Nazi ersatz speciality.

According to the "Frijs Nederland," the Free Dutch newspaper published in London, Dutch bulb growers are exceedingly busy because the Germans are using about 5,000 tons of bulbs to make "coffee" for Dutch consumption.

The bulbs, with the exception of hyacinths and narcissi, which apparently have a poisonous content, are cut in small pieces and roasted to the correct colour, chicory is added and it is found that a further addition of a small quantity of pure coffee makes the concoction taste better. — *Reuter.*

EX-KING ALFONSO

Ex-King Alfonso of Spain, who is lying ill in Rome, passed a restless day yesterday, it was announced. — *Reuter.*

H.M.S. CRISPIN LOST

H.M.S. CRISPIN, AN ARMED AUXILIARY VESSEL OF THE ROYAL NAVY, HAS BEEN SUNK, THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

Next of kin of casualties have been informed.

Crispin was a ship of 5,071 tons and was built in 1935. In peacetime she was one of the Booth Line carrying both passengers and cargo. — *Reuter.*

BELGIUM'S PLIGHT

THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN BELGIUM IS DESCRIBED AS "CATASTROPHIC" ACCORDING TO TRAVELLERS ARRIVING IN SPAIN, SAYS INBEL (THE FREE BELGIAN NEWS AGENCY) YESTERDAY.

The country has been pillaged and stripped bare by the occupying forces.

The position is worse than that which existed in Spain during the Civil War, travellers declare. Spinning mills are idle owing to lack of wool. — *Reuter.*

PRELUDE TO NEW OPERATIONS?

C.I.G.S. And Mr. Anthony Eden Fly To Cairo

Time Ripe For Review Of Position

IT WAS LEARNED in London yesterday that Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and General Sir John Dill, the C.I.G.S., who have arrived in Cairo, left Britain by air several days ago.

It is pointed out that this is Mr. Eden's third visit to Egypt since the outbreak of war. He went there a year ago to welcome the first Australian contingent, and last November he flew to Egypt again to discuss matters with General Wavell and to inspect personally the operations in North and East Africa.

Commenting on the arrival of Mr. Eden and General Dill, a spokesman of the British Embassy in Cairo told Reuters yesterday: "The time is ripe for a full review of the political and military situation in the Middle East and Africa as an outcome of the brilliant victory of the Army of the Nile."

"The War Cabinet has shown the importance attached to this review by sending the Foreign Secretary as their representative assisted by the Cabinet's chief military adviser."

"There is no doubt that there will be full consultations with military leaders in the Middle East and other authorities."

Natural Selection

"It will clearly be very useful to the War Cabinet that one of their members has had first-hand information about this theatre of war."

"In view of Mr. Eden's first visit to the Middle East, when War Minister, and his knowledge of the problems and personalities in this part of the world, his selection for the task was very natural."—Reuters.

WEAKNESS IN JAPAN'S TACTICS

The Soviet army paper "Red Star," commenting yesterday on what it calls Japan's "weak points" in what it terms the war of nerves between Japan and Britain and the United States, refers to Japan's military preparations and "movement southwards."

The paper says: "The weak and vulnerable points in these preparations were recently pointed out by Mr. Hiroo, president of a Japanese metal concern, who issued a reminder that Japan depends to a considerable extent on supplies of raw material from abroad."

"Mr. Hiroo's statement casts light on the motives for statements by Japanese diplomats in the peculiar war of nerves going on between the Japanese and the Anglo-American bloc."

Comparing these statements with the reported activities of the Japanese military authorities, the paper remarks that some foreign observers find a "certain division of labour" between the diplomatic and military departments in Japan.—Reuters.

CASUALTIES IN RAID ON LONDON HEAVY

It is now ascertained, says the Air Ministry, that the number killed in Wednesday night's raid on London was greater than at first thought.—Reuters.

BRITISH NAVAL FORCE ENTERS BENGHAZI

(By Reuters's Special Correspondent with the British Mediterranean Fleet)

I HAVE JUST returned to harbour after spending ten days at sea on board a British warship in which we visited captured Italian ports and saw how the British lines of communication are being maintained as far as Benghazi.

We were the first naval force to enter Benghazi since its surrender.

Now that German planes are participating in the African campaign more determined efforts are to be made to disrupt British sea communications along the Libyan coast, but counter-measures by units of the Fleet have enabled a steady flow of men and materials while the reorganisation of the captured towns is proceeding apace.

Three German airmen, shot down while we were at Benghazi, are now on board this ship as prisoners, together with 350 Italian officers and 500 men. Outward bound we carried a number of Libyan volunteers, some of whom were exiles and others ex-prisoners now fighting on the British side.

Libyan Aid

A British officer told me how, during the advance beyond Derna, local Libyans rendered valuable service by dropping behind the retreating Italians and pointing out mined areas.

"In some cases they actually built barricades in front of mines to prevent the British passing over before they had been warned."

Our first port of call was Tobruk, where the harbour was still full of sunken enemy derelicts.

Ashore, the arduous task of cleaning up the town was proceeding rapidly, while the native element gradually trailed home.—Reuters.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS BY R.A.F.

British fighters carried out some offensive patrol activity over the French coast during the day, it was officially announced in London last night.

Two British fighters are missing.—Reuters.

CHEERFUL PICTURE

AN "OPTIMISTIC PICTURE," ACCORDING TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, WAS GIVEN BY GENERAL GEORGE MARSHALL, U.S. CHIEF OF STAFF, DISCUSSING THE GENERAL SITUATION IN REGARD TO NATIONAL DEFENCE AND AID FOR BRITAIN AT A SECRET SESSION OF THE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE YESTERDAY.

According to one report General Marshall told the Committee that the United States intends to reinforce the Pacific Fleet immediately with an unspecified number of the latest types of warplanes.

He described the situation in the Pacific as "serious."—Reuters.

CORRESPONDENCE

HARDLY!

Sir,—I regret that due to a slip in the advance copies of my budget speech sent to the Press, I was reported as saying—"Rather should we endeavour to iron out the inequities of the present War Revenue Ordinance."

The word I used in Council was inequities.

As I was a member of last year's War Revenue Committee and helped to frame the Ordinance, I could hardly refer to its terms as inequities.

I should be glad if you would publish this letter.

Yours truly,
S. H. DODWELL.

AUSTRALIA WILL BE THERE TO VICTORY

MR. R. G. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, ARRIVED IN ENGLAND BY AIR YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WAR SITUATION.

Mr. Menzies told the press: "I am delighted to come to England, and say to the people of England, on behalf of the people of Australia, that we are on your side and you will never be beaten while there are any of us above the surface."

Principal purpose of his coming, he said, was to discuss with the British Government matters of common interest in war co-operation.

Referring to his visit to the Middle East he said he covered a range of country from Jerusalem to Benghazi and altogether flew about 3,500 miles in the Middle East, which was some indication of how fast the Australian forces were travelling.

He found them all in tremendous fettle. They regarded their operations against the Italians in the nature of a preliminary canter. What they wanted to do was to have a go at the Germans.

Belief In Victory

Mr. Menzies paid a tribute to the way in which the people of

Britain had taken the air attacks and said he brought from Australia "belief in victory and a definite assurance that so long as Australia has any resources of any description, Great Britain will not stand alone in this war."

Mr. Menzies wanted to be able to witness at first hand what was going on in Great Britain so he could return to Australia and help create a vivid impression of the truth in Great Britain.

He was "sure that the more clearly the truth was understood the greater would be the stimulus to Australia's own war effort."

Mr. Menzies added there was no doubt that Britain would win but she could not win completely unless they all produced a maximum all-round effort.—Reuters.

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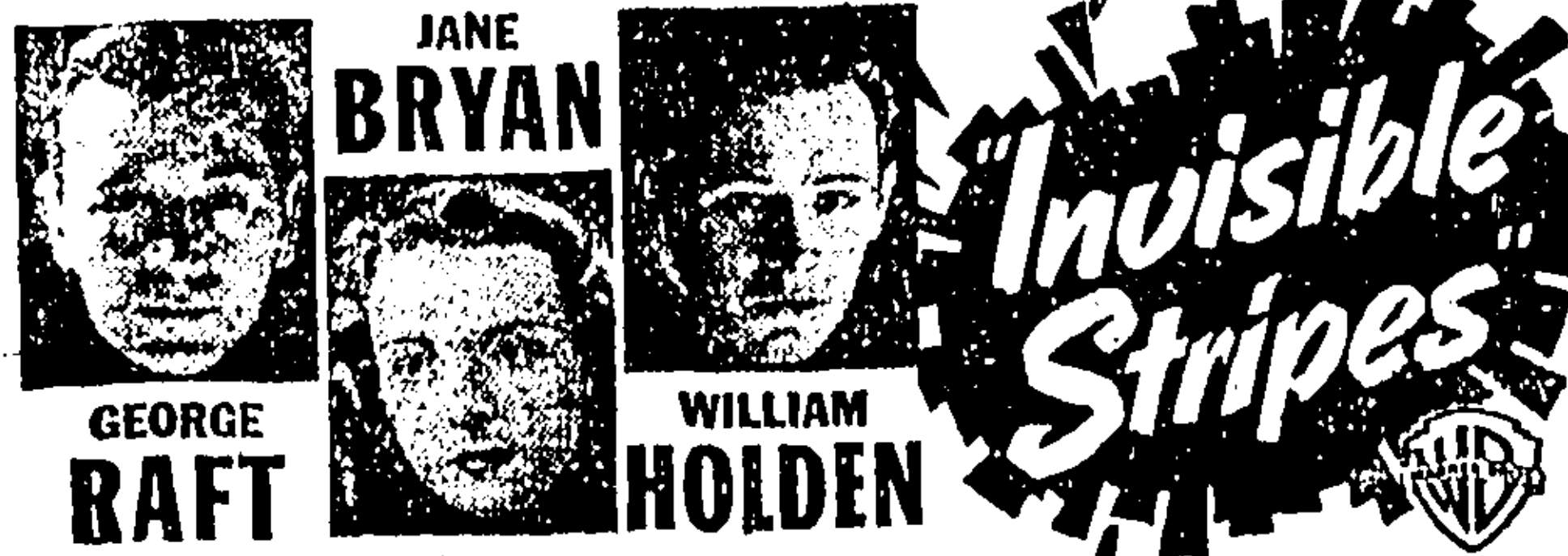
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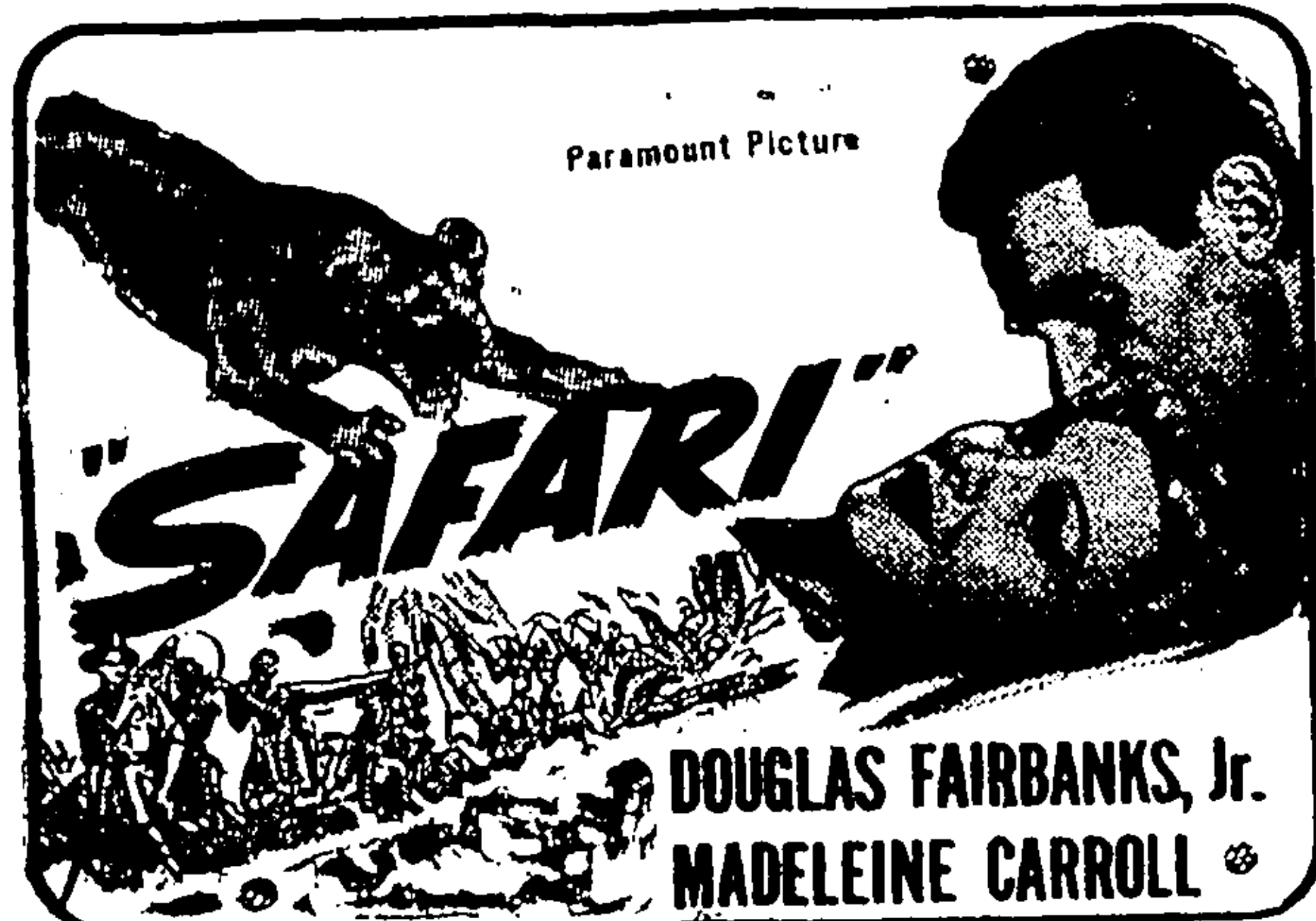
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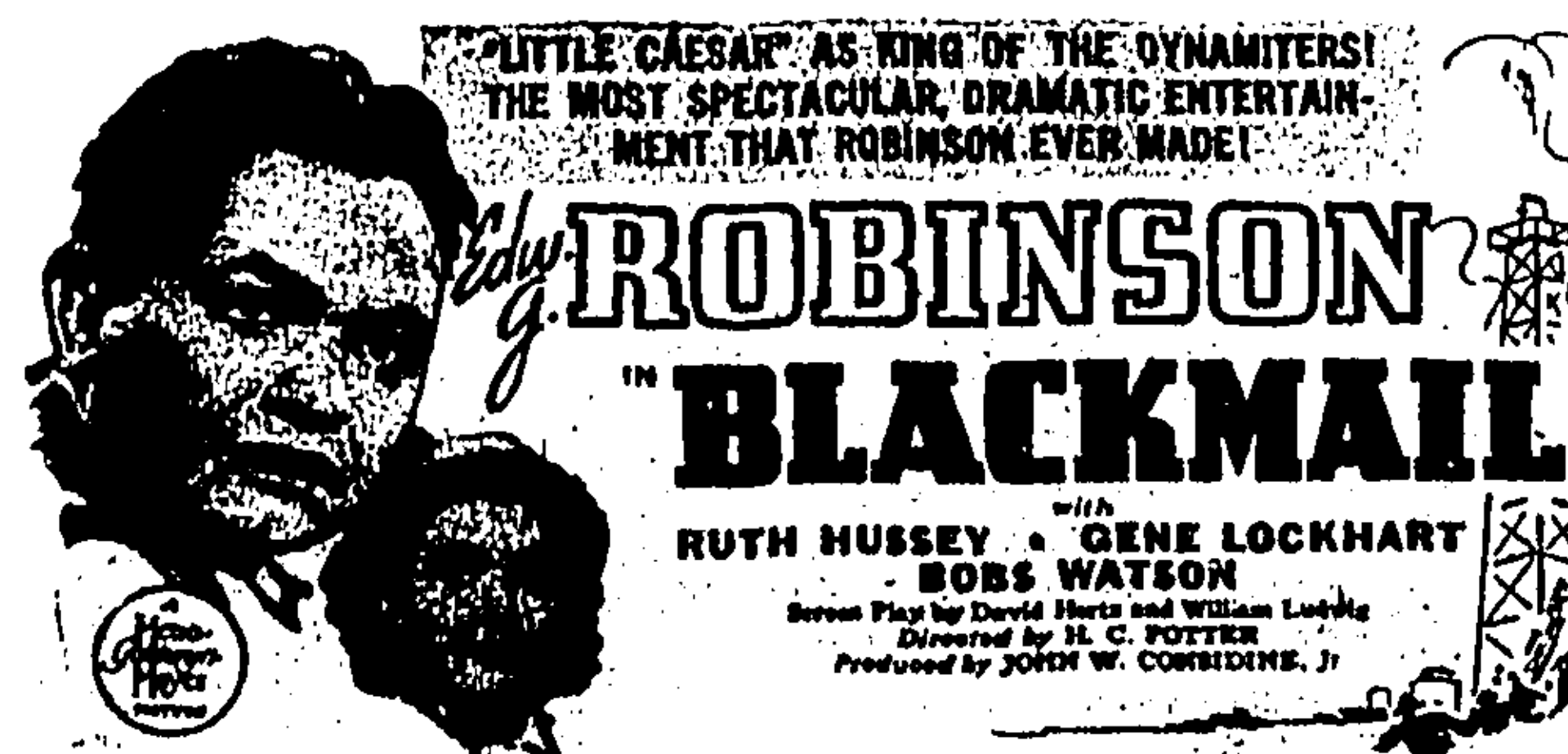
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LONDON TO-DAY A MINIATURE EUROPE

"WE HAVE HERE in London a miniature Europe and we wish consequently to adjust the law of our country to meet the international character of our capital," declared Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in moving the second reading of the Diplomatic Privileges Bill in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Bill proposes, said Mr. Butler, to confer a position corresponding to that of members of the Diplomatic Corps upon the members and senior officials of the Allied Governments of Poland, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Provisional Czechoslovak Government, as well as leaders and senior officials of the Free French movement established in Britain.

The British and other Governments will agree upon the names of individuals affected and the list will be published in the London Gazette.

Mr. Butler added that the protection accorded to diplomatic envoys to the Court of St. James should be extended to diplomats accredited to Allied Governments at present established in Britain.

Mr. Butler said London was the focus of resistance of a free Europe and the Bill would make Britain a real home of freedom for those determined representatives of national resistance.

The Bill was passed on the second reading.—Reuter.

SUNDAY CINEMAS

THE PROVISION OF REGULAR CINEMA, MUSIC HALL AND THEATRE ENTERTAINMENT ON SUNDAYS, WHERE THE NEEDS OF THE FIGHTING SERVICES AND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WARRANT IT, IS EXPECTED AS RESULT OF CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THIS QUESTION BY THE HOME SECRETARY, MR. HERBERT MORRISON.

Mr. Morrison stated, in reply to a Commons question yesterday, that it was proposed that Defence Regulation 42b, which empowers local authorities to adopt a simplified procedure for authorising the Sunday opening of cinemas where large numbers of troops are concentrated, to be amended to cover the needs of industrial workers.

Discretion would similarly be exercised regarding the opening of theatres and music halls.

The House would have an opportunity to debate the regulation.—British Wireless.

GOERING'S GIFT TO THE CAUSE

OF THE MANY HUNDREDS OF GERMAN AIRCRAFT WHICH HAVE CRASHED IN BRITAIN SOME THIRTY HAVE BEEN SALVED IN SUFFICIENTLY GOOD CONDITION TO BE USED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES.

Altogether 115 such exhibitions have been organised by the Ministry of Aircraft Production and £22,500 raised from admission fees.

Apart from this, the stimulus supplied to local aircraft funds has benefited them by at least £50,000. In addition aluminium to the value of some £40,000 has been salvaged from wrecked ma-

DISORDER IN PARIS MARKETS

Requisitioning of food-stuffs by the Germans has led to considerable disorder in large markets in Paris, according to messages received by the Independent French Agency in London yesterday.

These messages say that trouble at the central market was caused by the Germans making a clean sweep of all potatoes after women had been waiting in queues for hours.

As a collective punishment for the disturbance, the message adds, Parisians were deprived of potatoes for 40 days.

Similar disorders occurred at the meat market at La Vilette and again Paris as a whole was punished by a general withholding of supplies.

It is stated that milk is distributed sparingly to invalids and sick people, while coffee is unobtainable.

Grocers' shops bear the following legend: "The coffee we are roasting is not for sale. It is for the German troops."—Reuter.

GIFT BY RAJAH OF PERLIS

It was announced in London yesterday that the Rajah of Perlis, smallest State in the Malay Peninsula, has given £17,500 as a further contribution to the British government for war purposes, towards the cost of emergency defence expenditure in the State, this being the fourth contribution which the State Government has made for this purpose.—British Wireless.

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CONSCRIPTION INTRODUCED IN MALTA

Conscription was introduced in Malta yesterday. The Governor is empowered to call all males between the ages of 18 and 41 for military service.—Reuter.

BRITISH INTERNEES IN FRANCE

ANSWERING A QUESTION IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY THE FOREIGN UNDER-SECRETARY SAID OFFICIAL INFORMATION HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT ALL BRITISH SUBJECTS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE BORDEAUX AND NANTES DISTRICTS AND FROM DINARD AND DINAN, WHO ARE INTERNED IN OCCUPIED FRANCE, ARE CONCENTRATED AT THREE LOCALITIES—ST. DENIS, DRACY AND BESANCON.

There is, however, one small group of about 60 persons interned at St. Troyes, about whom further information is awaited.

Many of the British subjects who were interned have now been released. In general they fall into categories of children up to sixteen years, mothers of children up to sixteen years, women over sixty years and elderly men.

There are now no indications as to where those who are released may live, with the exception of certain coastal areas. Consequently the majority of persons released have returned to their former homes.

Arrangements have now been made to provide internees in France with small sums of money to purchase necessities and the United States authorities have been authorised to incur expenditure on clothing and medical supplies.—British Wireless.

DR. CURRIE SOON LEAVING CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Dr. Lauchlin Currie returned to Chungking from Chengtu yesterday afternoon. He will be leaving for Hong Kong very soon.—Our Own Correspondent.

chines.

The Luftwaffe has therefore subscribed quite handsomely to the means for its own defeat.—British Wireless.

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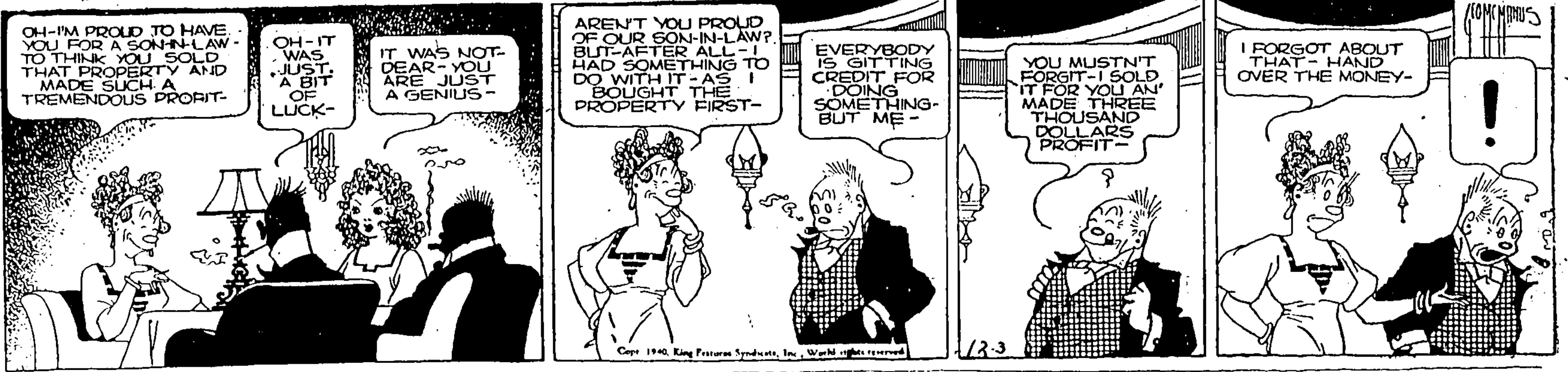
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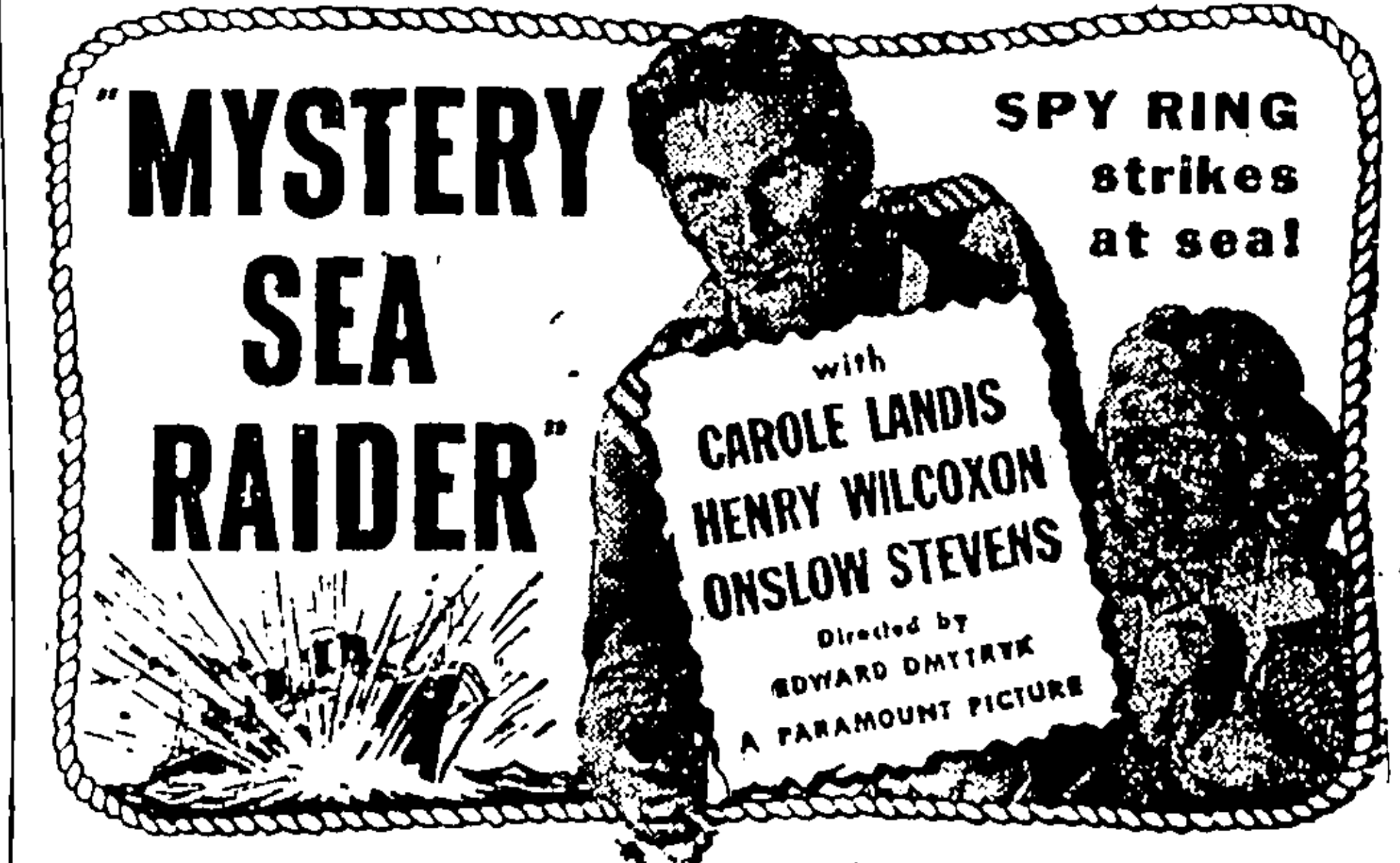
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TWO FILIPINO SAILORS, PEDRO MARALO, 18, AND ALEGI COMBRONARO, 30, WERE BOUND OVER BY MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING, FOR POSSESSION OF A DAGGER IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL THIS MORNING.

It was alleged that defendants, with three other Filipinos, went to the Man Fong Lau Boarding House in Connaught Road, with three Chinese women at about 2.15 a.m. to-day.

On entering the room, one of the accused threw a dagger on the table. The three women frightened, went out to inform the Police.

The accused are waiters employed on a ship, at present in Taikoo Dock.

Detective Sergeant Cochrane prosecuted.

POST OFFICE PROSECUTION

Two men and a woman were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with breaches of the Defence Regulations, by having letters conveyed into the Colony other than by post, and letters for conveying out of the Colony.

Accused, Cheng Chung-kee, master of the Hop Fat Cheong Import and Export Firm, No. 30, Queen's Street, Siu Kwing-kwan, 38, and the woman, Lam Tai, 26, were alleged to have had in their possession 104 letters, which had been sent into the Colony not through the post, and 17 letters which were ready for sending out of the Colony.

The case was adjourned until Monday.

Mr. D. W. Fitches, of the General Post Office, assisted by Sub-Inspector Fowle, was for the prosecution.

GAMBLING RAIDS

Charged with keeping a "Tse Fa" gaming house at No. 76, Wei Ching Street, Leung Kau, 25, and Yuen Hap-hoi, 27, were each fined \$100, or two months' hard labour, and Lai Yau, 22, who had a previous conviction, was fined \$150, or three months' imprisonment, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

Of the gamblers, absentees had their bail of \$5 each estreated, and the others were each fined \$3. A sum of \$46.22, picked up from the table, was donated to the Poor Box. Before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, Fan Choi, 30, and Fan Wing, 23, were fined \$50, or two months' hard labour, for keeping a "Sap Yee Wai" gaming school in Lan Lo Mei Village, Kowloon City, while 21 gamblers arrested on the premises, were each fined \$3. The table money, \$26.30, was donated to the Poor Box.

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Trapped in a fire which broke out at 8.30 this morning at No. 18, Portland Street, a 53-year-old Chinese woman and her 12-month-old baby were burned to death.

Members of the fire brigade found the remains of the woman lying among the debris on the first floor of the house.

The baby, burnt beyond recognition, was still clasped to the woman's breast.

Three other children, offspring of occupants of the adjoining house, are missing.

Two Floors Guttled

People living opposite the house saw flames leaping from the verandah of the first floor and immediately summoned the fire brigade and police.

Fanned by the wind, the fire spread into the house and soon enveloped the adjoining house, No. 20.

Two fire engines arrived and soon had the outbreak under control, preventing it from spreading further.

The majority of the occupants of the houses managed to escape, but several children are missing and their whereabouts are still unknown.

The first and second floors of the two buildings were completely gutted and police, under Inspector Wright, threw a cordon around the area.

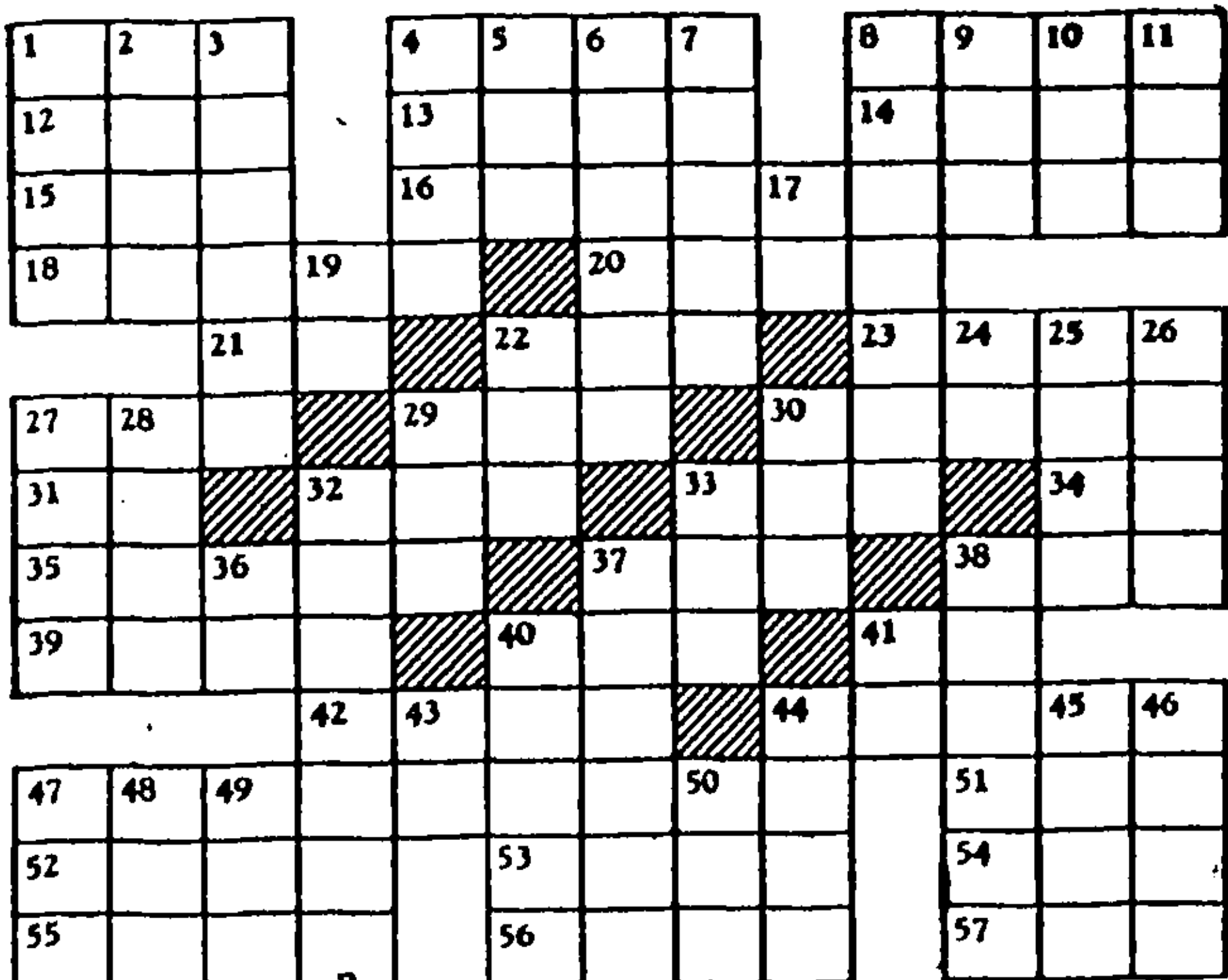
THEFT ON PEAK

Mr. B. C. Field, of No. 8, The Peak has reported the theft of a chiming clock, valued at \$100, from his residence yesterday afternoon.

The thief gained entrance through the front door of the building, which was unlocked.

For exposing indecent pictures at the junction of Parkes and Nanking Streets last night, Li On, 62, was sentenced to one week's hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Resort
- 4 Hauls
- 8 Learned
- 12 Dawn
- 1 goddess
- 13 Mine
- 14 entrance
- 14 Epic poem
- 15 High
- 16 mountain
- 16 Malignant
- 18 Long-handled shovel
- 20 Dross
- 21 Hawk-headed deity
- 22 Digit
- 23 Shoshonean Indian
- 27 Lettuce
- 29 To possess
- 30 To play carelessly
- 31 King of Bashan
- 32 Ancient
- 33 Male child
- 34 Colloquial: mother
- 35 Fold
- 37 Crowd
- 38 Knave of clubs
- 39 Gull-like bird
- 40 Tibetan gazelle
- 41 Three-toed sloth
- 42 Mountain lake
- 44 Place of combat

- 47 Long, narrow raft
- 51 Corded cloth
- 52 To assist
- 53 Positive pole
- 54 Cry of a dove
- 55 Hindu prince
- 56 To examine
- 57 Termination

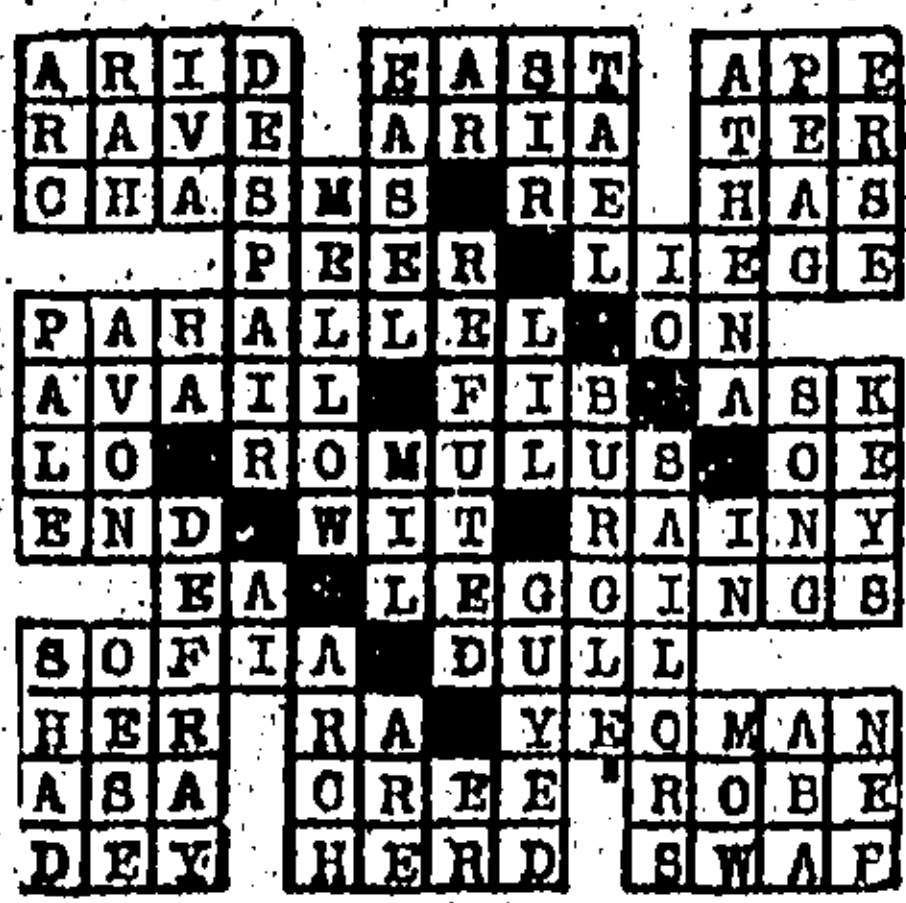
VERTICAL

- 1 Bodies of water
- 2 U. S. President, 1845-1849

- 3 Turkish coins
- 4 U. S. President, 1909-1913
- 5 Lyric poem
- 6 U. S. President, 1913-1921
- 7 Took unlawfully
- 8 Preposterous
- 9 Samoan mudworm
- 10 French coin
- 11 Worm
- 17 Symbol for Babylonian deity

- 22 Duo
- 24 Conjunction
- 25 American carnivore
- 26 Moslem prayer leader
- 27 Descendant of native Egyptians
- 28 To look askance
- 29 Worthless leaving
- 30 To sigh convulsively
- 32 Choral composition
- 33 Feather neck-wrap
- 36 Teutonic deity
- 37 U. S. President, 1817-1825
- 38 U. S. President, 1853-1857
- 40 U. S. President, 1869-1877
- 41 Land measure
- 43 Part of "to be"
- 44 The dill
- 45 Gaseous element
- 46 Footless animal
- 47 Vehicle
- 48 Arabian cloak
- 49 Decade
- 50 Paid notices

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



NO TURKISH CONSENT TO GERMAN PASSAGE

Repudiation Of Ankara Pact Inference

A SUGGESTION THAT, in virtue of her agreement with Turkey, Bulgaria will allow German troops to cross her territory, was refuted in the Turkish newspaper "Yakit" yesterday.

It says: "Certain people think that the signing of the Ankara pact means that Bulgaria has secured Turkey's neutrality, with a view to allowing the passage of German troops through Bulgarian territory.

"Without hesitation the Turks reply 'No'. There is irrefutable proof that Bulgaria, by signing the declaration, unreservedly recognises Anglo-Turk and Turco-Greek friendship and alliances."

M. Valtchin, a Deputy, writing in "Yenisabah," emphasises that the Anglo-Turkish Alliance is immutable and declares that the war of nerves which the Axis has launched in the Balkans will be scattered before the fortress-like strength of Turkey. "Continuous contacts with Britain during difficult moments have led to friendship, mutual respect and confidence between the two countries becoming deeply rooted."

"To-day, as hitherto, the Turkish people follow the same path as the British, always remaining sincere friends in good and bad days and allies with the same ideals."—Reuter.

Basis of Policy

Turkey has made the Anglo-Turkish Alliance her "national and permanent policy," declared the Turkish newspaper "Aksham" yesterday, according to Ankara radio.

The paper, commenting on the Turco-Bulgarian declaration, added: "If foreign circles have thought it might be possible for the Turks to act in a manner contrary to the stipulation of this alliance (with Britain) they are greatly mistaken."—Reuter.

BELATED EFFORT TO BOLSTER MORALE

Somewhat belatedly the German official news agency is now endeavouring to give a more flattering picture of Italian resistance in Libya.

The agency says that, according to information gathered from British prisoners captured in North Africa, the Italian guns at Bardia had a "murder effect on the enemy."

It adds that of over 2,000 British attackers only about 100 came out unscathed and the remainder were mown down by chrapnel or decimated by Italian machine-guns.

Wounded natives, says the agency, are now being cared for in Egypt and thousands of wounded Australians have been sent to Palestine, where all hospitals are already crowded out.

ACTUALLY, BRITISH LOSSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE CLEAR BY A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO ON JANUARY 8, WHICH STATED THAT "TOTAL BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES INCURRED IN THE CAPTURE OF BARDIA WERE LESS THAN 600."—REUTER.

MATSUOKA AT WAR OF WITS

Commenting on the Japanese offer of mediation the "Hindu Nationalist," of Madras, yesterday declared that "for a country which has been waging war in China for ten years to offer to work for peace is hypocritical."

The paper adds: "It is difficult to believe that Japan is animated by a genuine desire for peace, for in that case she must set an example herself by stopping her aggression against China."

The "Free Press," another Nationalist organ, says that if Hitler is carrying on a war of nerves against his enemies, Mr. Matsuoka is carrying on a war of wits.

While the former's moves are blatant and terrific, the latter's are subtle and intriguing.—Reuter.

IL DUCE'S ERROR

The "Journal de Geneve" declared yesterday that Italy entered the war because she believed it would be quickly over.

She over-rated French resistance and under-estimated British resistance, sharing the German illusion that Britain could not withstand repeated mass bombings.

Italy counted to ruin the British Empire, believing she would only fight a country in the last stage of feebleness.

She perceives to-day that she confronts a power able to hold out a long time, and with resources constantly increasing.

Italy's reverses are due to a false political calculation.—Reuter.

"OFFER" JUST AN INCIDENTAL SUGGESTION

WELL-INFORMED British circles prefer to call Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka's "mediation offer" transmitted to Britain by Mr. Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador to Britain, "an incidental suggestion."

Mr. Ishii's statement on February 18 would have been ignored, had not Mr. Matsuoka written in a similar strain to Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary. Only courtesy obliges Britain not to throw Mr. Matsuoka's "mediation offer" into the wastebasket.

There is not one iota of hope of the Japanese "offer," when it is recalled that Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, has repeatedly and emphatically reiterated Britain's resolve to secure final victory at whatever cost. Apart from that, there is no basis for successful Japanese mediation in the European war, when the Germans themselves insist that it is not likely for the stronger side to ask for mediation of a third party.

The function of an honest mediator, it is pointed out, is usually performed by an unbiased neutral. It would be fantastic to invite the good offices of Japan, who has openly allied herself with Britain's mortal enemies, has been incessantly filibustering and sabre-rattling in the Far East and is now concentrating her fleet in the South and menacing Singapore, the Netherlands East Indies, Australia, and the Philippines.

The Thai-Indo-China peace parleys have not been concluded and the result remains to be seen. However, it is evident

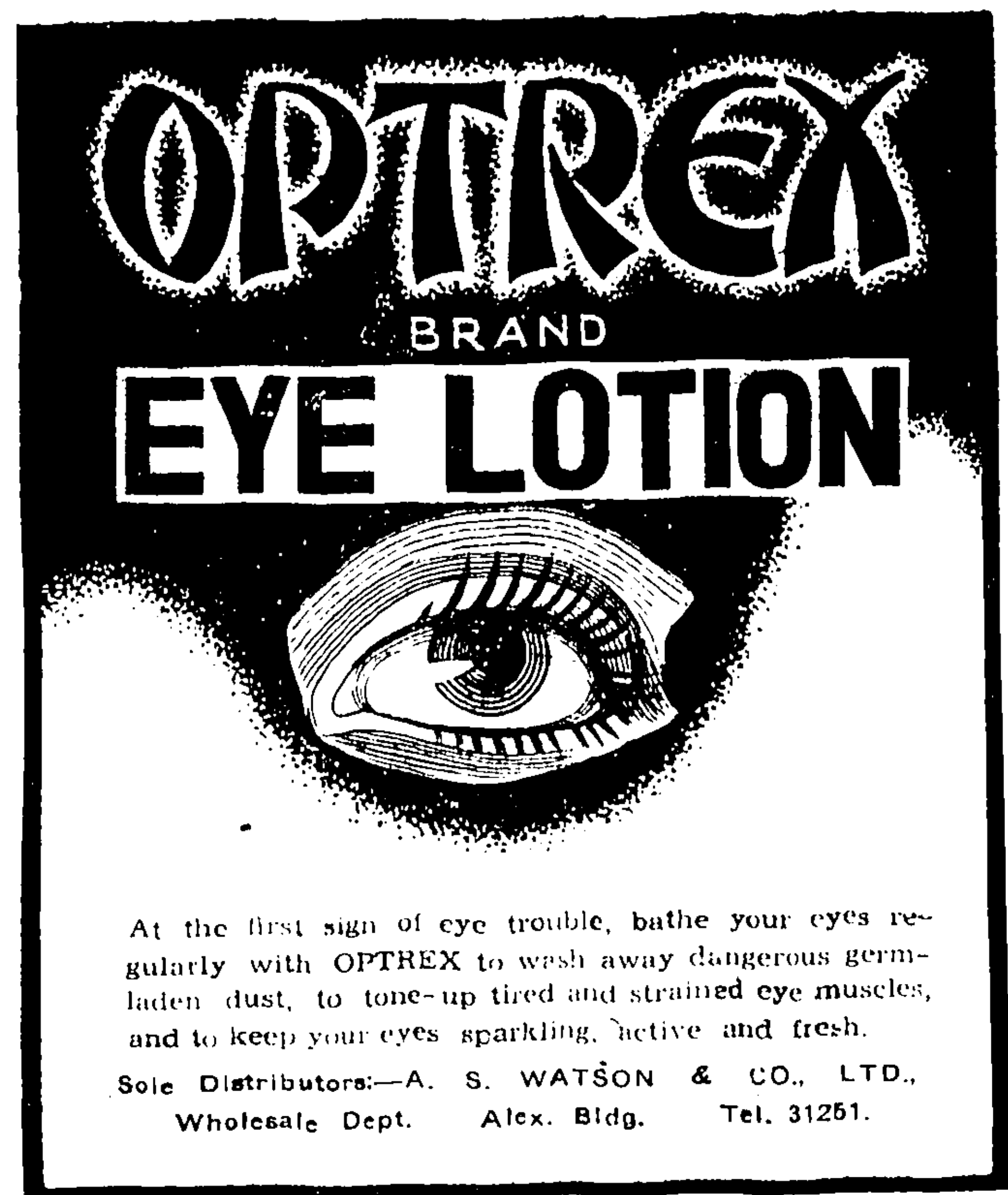
that Japan's aim is to press for her own advantages.

To-day the British people unmistakably realise that the Sino-Japanese war and the Pacific struggle are indivisible from the European issue. With Japan's adherence to the Tripartite Pact re-alignment of the forces in the Far East as well as the Axis intentions has become increasingly clear.

Pressure On Japan

It is known that recently Hitler has applied pressure upon Japan to make a southward thrust timed with Germany's scheduled spring offensive. Japan's naval concentration is therefore viewed ominously by London, Washington and Sydney. Britain has responded by military precautionary measures in Malaya, where Australian troops have arrived as reinforcements and modern bombers and fighters are concentrated.

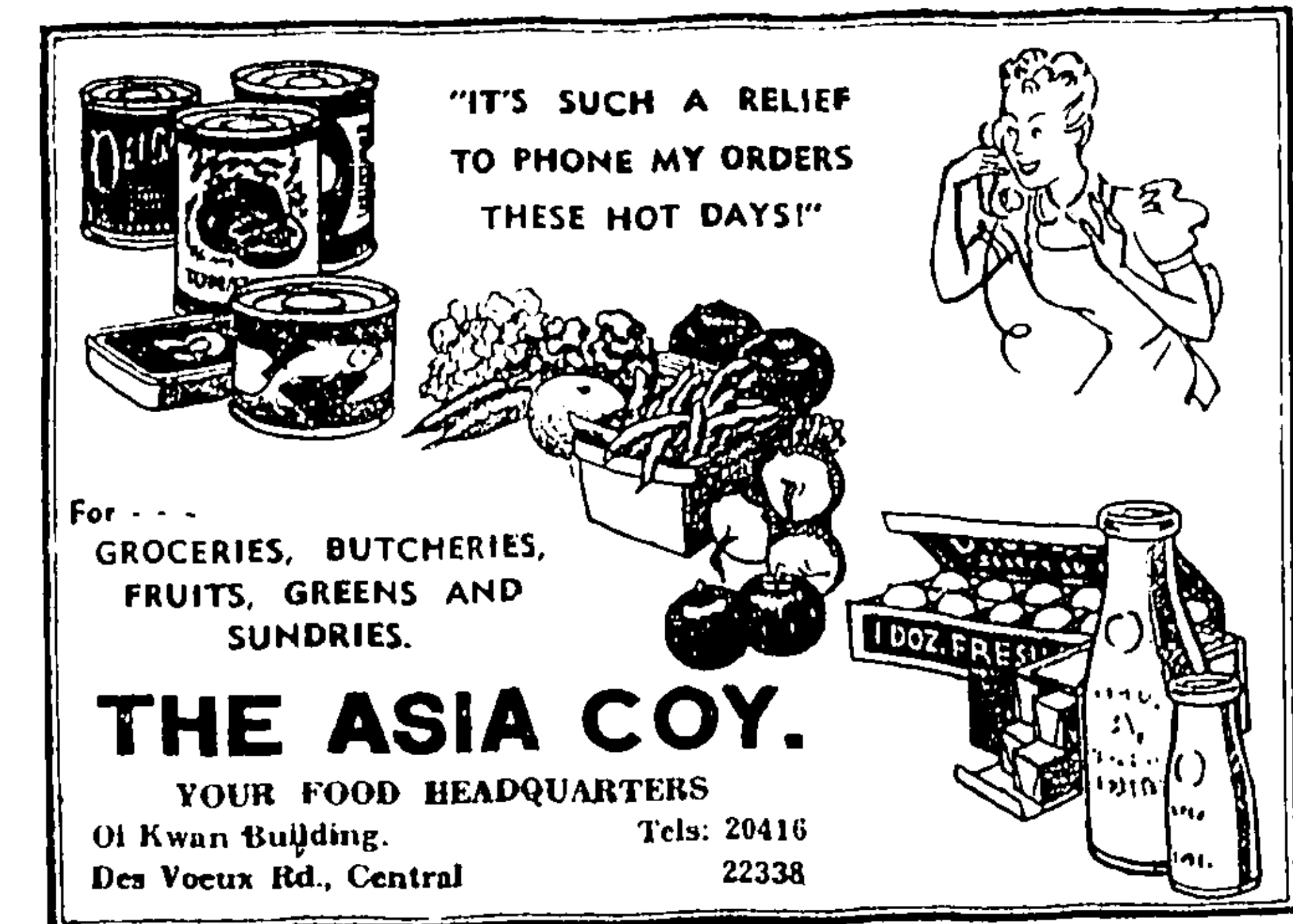
Certain British circles consequently interpret Japan's mediation move as an attempt at face-saving on taking a step backward after a step forward.—Central News.



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BALKAN ALARMS

Wisest attitude to adopt regarding developments in the Balkans is to wait upon factual events. In the wealth of rumour, conjecture and guesswork there is so much that is plainly suspect, and more that needs to be accepted with the most cautious reserve. Impulse when the Bulgarian - Turkish declaration was announced was to jump to the conclusion that Turkey had succumbed to outside pressures. On the face of it, there appears to be conflict between Turkish professions and an agreement which would seem to immobilise policy in a Bulgarian crisis which, for the moment, did not directly affect Turkish territory. Britain and Greece have neither of them apparently found anything in the declaration with which to find fault, yet there are disturbing rumours.

For the moment, there is an absence of clue to the real outcome of the diplomatic battle now being waged in the Balkans. Only one thing is patently obvious, that Germany is engaged in an intense war of nerves which may have unfortunate consequences should morale break where it is least desirable.

After the events in Africa, and the powerful resistance of Greece, however, it would be astonishing if awe of the Axis had not substantially diminished.

After the Brenner conference last March, Hitler revealed that he had at his command a military machine of appalling efficiency, and Mussolini, his "good friend," basked in reflected glory. But now Il Duce's attempts to shine of his own light have proved sad failures, his bedraggled banners bear such names as Koritzza, Sidi Barrani, Bardia, Benghazi, Taranto and Genoa; his troops, his planes and his ships have been outmanoeuvred and outfought; he has been reduced in a few months from the position of a victorious partner to that of humble suppliant. For his part, Der Fuehrer looks moodily at an England yet unconquered; at

Democracy At Bay: The Lesson Of France

On the morning of June 15, 1940, France was a democracy, a democracy at bay. It had a democratic government, responsible to an elected parliament, and, as its allies and the world thought, that government was fighting a war in defence of France and democracy against two totalitarian Powers. The head of the government, M. Reynaud, had only a few days before proclaimed, apparently with the approval of the representatives of the French people, that France would fight to the end and that, if need be, the government would continue the war from the colonies. On June 16 France ceased to be a democracy or to fight for democracy. M. Reynaud resigned and Marshal Petain, an octogenarian French version of Field-Marshal Hindenburg, formed a government of military men and Right-Wing politicians. An armistice was asked for in such a way that any further resistance was made impossible and France was placed entirely in German power. The obligations of France to her ally were ignored. The terms dictated by Germany and Italy were accepted. The Chamber and Senate were not summoned or consulted and we are now told that the Constitution of France is "revised" — in other words it is made authoritarian. All this has been done by a little group of men into whose hands "power" — the power to obey Germany and coerce France — has slipped by a political transaction conducted in secrecy behind the scenes. Marshal Petain has destroyed French democracy in war in much the same way as Marshal Hindenburg destroyed German democracy in peace.

Democracy, we have said, was at bay in France on June 15; it is at bay to-day in Britain and the British Empire. The vast majority of the people of these islands and of the Empire are, we believe, determined to defend their independence and their political liberties. But so were the vast majority of Frenchmen on June 15, yet on June 17 they were confronted by a *fait accompli*; no one now knows or will ever know what the will of the French people

a grandiose pact "lacing in" Fujiyama that failed even to deflect American policy; at a "new order" in Europe that still will not crystallise.

To recite these difficulties which Axis policy has encountered is not to deny the immense strength which the Axis still can wield. Both Italy and Germany have great power — power that may be exercised in any one of a number of directions with unpredictable results. Nevertheless, the fact remains that there is failure as well as success written down to the Axis account; the aura of inevitability that once seemed to invest every move of the partners has been dispelled. The world has been reminded, particularly by Il Duce, that these two men are but men — and all men are fallible.

was on the Monday when Marshal Petain asked for an armistice, for they had been deprived of the power to resist and of their liberties by an old soldier, a President, and a handful of politicians. These events are a warning to ourselves; we need to consider

By
Leonard Woolf

whether we have adequate defences of democracy, not only against the German armies, but against the kind of internal political transaction which has destroyed it in France.

Internal Defence

The internal defence of democracy depends largely upon free speech and a free press, but also to a great extent upon political methods and constitutional law. It is easy to over-estimate their importance, but it is fatal to under-estimate it. The idea that there is anything new in Nazism or Fascism, as a method of government, is a delusion sedulously encouraged by propaganda. They are the oldest form of tyranny — seizure of power and government by a clique. No democratic institutions or constitution are a 100 per cent. guarantee against a *coup d'état* or the seizure of power by a clique, a Hitler, a Mussolini, or a Petain, but they are capable of making such a seizure difficult or, if it does take place, precarious. That is why it is essential to keep the fundamental institutions of democratic control working during war, even though they may have certain disadvantages. They are an insurance against the consolidation of arbitrary power after a *coup d'état*. Organs of popular government have frequently been able to thwart or smother, in its early days, a *coup d'état*, but once a small group of determined men have consolidated their seizure of power, and abolished the machinery of popular control, it is terribly difficult to unseat them.

The first line of defence against this kind of authoritarian *coup* is parliament — a popularly-elected assembly. It is vital that the House of Commons should under no circumstances be placed, like the French Chamber, in cold storage. Whatever happens it must remain in active session, maintaining the ultimate responsibility of the government to itself. Formally the transaction which led to the transference of power from the Reynaud to the Petain government in France may have been "constitutional," just as was the transaction in Germany between Hindenburg and Hitler. But the consolidation of arbitrary power in the hands of a few men was in both cases made possible only by the previous destruction or immobilisation of all the organs and machinery of democratic or popular control. Democracy and democratic organs of government are no panacea against the political stupidity of the human race; they have their own peculiar defects and disadvantages. War and Nazi propaganda have during the last ten months made the most of those defects and there is among many people at the present time a very bitter feeling against "politicians" who are frequently confused with democracy. These people, often unconsciously influenced by anti-democratic propaganda, do not see that they will not get rid of politicians by getting rid of parliament and democracy. Hitler, Goebbels, Goering, Petain, Baudouin, Laval, Franco, and Stalin are just as much politicians as Stresemann, Reynaud, Blum, Churchill and Attlee. They play

the same game, though they play it in a different way. If you have aspirations to form one of the new ruling class or clique, you may perhaps not unnaturally prefer the Nazi rules of the political game and boast of its "efficiency" and achievements in war, conquest, ruin, misery, persecution and injustice; but ordinary persons, whose destiny under these modern despotisms must be that of obedient subjects, a chorus of worshippers, cannon-fodder, or untouchables, will, unless they are imbecile, prefer the evils which they know in democracy and the democratic politician.

Not Only Danger

The immobilisation of parliament is not the only danger of which the Petain peace warns us. We call Britain and France democracies, but the government of both countries has always been imperfectly democratic, and many of the faults and failures ascribed to democracy in them have really been due to the fact that it did not exist. Petain succeeded Reynaud and made an armistice which in fact was a peace. By that action he determined the fate of France, of the French Empire, and of the French people for years, possibly for eternity. The transaction which put him in that position and gave him the appalling power to determine the fate of millions was accomplished in secret by perhaps a dozen known and unknown men. The fact that he had formed a government in this way gave him the right and power to make peace with Germany on any terms which he personally chose to accept.

It is a disquieting fact that, although we call ourselves a democracy, our constitutional system makes it possible for exactly the same thing to happen "constitutionally" in this country. Democratic control and liberties are always precarious if the government or executive are enabled by the political system irresponsibly to initiate a policy of great national importance, to act upon it without mandate, and so to present Parliament and people with a *fait accompli*, with a situation irretrievable when once created. It is, no doubt, essential that a responsible government must be given the power to govern; the danger of getting weak government if the legislature attempts to usurp the function of an executive is insisted upon *ad nauseum* by practical politicians and political theorists. In practice for a hundred years of European history the danger has been the other way round. In all democracies the difficulty has not been to prevent undue interference with the executive, but to prevent the government contriving to evade all responsibility and control. We are one of the oldest and most stable of the "democracies," yet it is astonishing what powers the British Government possesses or claims to possess. No one, for instance, seemed to think it remarkable the other day when the government offered the Reynaud government what apparently amounted to federal union between Britain and France, and did so without reference to parliament. It is true that we were at war and that the situation was critical. Yet the proposal could easily have been put before parliament in the space of a few hours, and the offer, if it had been made publicly with parliamentary sanction would have been far more impressive and might have had a profound effect in France. But the government preferred to act without reference to parliament and people and considered that it had the constitutional powers so to act, although the offer entailed one of the greatest revolutions in our history.

An Anachronism

The government was probably correct in thinking that it had the power to unite Britain and France without the consent of parliament.

It could have been effected by a treaty between the two countries and such a treaty is made by virtue of the Royal Prerogative without reference to Parliament. The Royal Prerogative is an anachronism which is extremely effective for preventing democratic control. It is particularly dangerous at the present moment, for it is the instrument by which in a crisis a Petain peace could constitutionally be made here against the will both of parliament and people. By virtue of the Royal Prerogative the Crown enjoys the sole right of declaring peace and war and of making treaties. The king acts, of course under our constitution only on the advice of a minister, but, in the case of a treaty or the making of peace, this would be no safeguard in practice of the control of parliament or the people. In a crisis power might pass from the hands of a Reynaud into that of a Petain here just as it did in France without any reference to parliament and the British Petain could, by means of the Royal Prerogative, make peace and a treaty, ignoring the House of Commons. All this would be strictly constitutional.

Attempted Breach

The danger to democracy in this constitutional practice has long been recognised. In 1924, for instance, the Labour Party made a first attempt to make a breach in the system by deciding that all treaties should be laid on the table of the House for 21 days before ratification. It is significant that the new practice was abolished as soon as a Conservative government came into power, and, though again restored by the Labour Party in 1929, it was again abolished by the National government. There is much to be said for the Labour Party's innovation, but something more is required to meet the dangers of the immediate situation. It is essential to abolish the power of a minister to make peace by means of the Royal Prerogative without reference to parliament. This change would require legislation, for it would be necessary to enact, at the least, that the Executive should have no power to conclude an armistice or make peace without a resolution of the House of Commons authorising such action.

It will, of course, be said that this is not the moment for constitutional revision. On the contrary, no time could be more appropriate. We are fighting this war for democracy, and we and democracy are at bay. It has often been proclaimed lately that we must lead a European revolution against authoritarian despotism for the restoration of democratic liberty. Democracy is in its present plight because for years democrats have left the initiative entirely in the hands of their enemies. If we are to beat the Nazis and Fascists, we must show that we mean what we say and have the courage of our democratic convictions. We ourselves and all those who stand with us for liberty will gain strength if we show that even in the present crisis we are determined to strengthen our defences against the new despotism, not only on the sea, on British soil, and in the air, but also in our parliament, our laws, and our constitution.

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CHINESE NAZI PARTY IN N. CHINA

THE STRUGGLE OF Chinese Nazis for control of the north China government is regarded by foreign observers in Peiping as one of the most important current developments in China, and as a potentially troublesome problem for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

German fifth column activity is credited with being a major factor in the recent rise to power of Yin Tung, the youthful and ambitious head of the important general construction office in the Japanese-controlled north China government. Yin Tung had undisguised ambitions to replace Wang I-tang as head of the entire puppet regime.

Already Peiping teams with German officials and big businessmen, and the German embassy is said to have a larger staff now than when Peiping was China's capital. The German charge d'affaires, Dr. Felix Altenburg, resides here.

An alliance has been formed between the Japanese militarists controlling north China's politics, the Chinese National Socialists headed by Yin Tung, the remainder of the local puppet government, and the Germans who are pulling strings behind the scenes. Indications are that ever since Germany's military successes on the European continent last year, the chiefs of the Chinese National Socialist party have been working hard to effect a German-Chinese union of sorts.

Chungking Movement

In Chungking this movement has failed owing to the strengthening of the ties of Free China with the United States and Great Britain, and also through the impossibility of making peace with Japan through German mediation.

In Peiping, where a Japanese-controlled Chinese administration governs north China, different results have been achieved. Here German agents have succeeded in bringing the Chinese Nazis close to the Japanese military and strengthening the Nazi party's position in the governmental administration.

The Japanese in this combination hope to obtain increased Chinese support as a further weapon against Chungking. The Chinese Nazis seek to gain at least local ascendancy while the other forces of nationalist China are occupied in fighting the Japanese

invaders. The north China puppet officials aspire to real control of their areas, while the Germans, it is believed, are hoping for the downfall of both Kuomintang and the Chinese communists, and would like to have their fellow Nazis as leaders of a "New China."

Activity Intensified

In the last few weeks, the activities of the Chinese Nazis have intensified in Peiping. Wang Keh-min, former north China government leader, joined the party and made a handsome contribution to its coffers. Dr. Kiang Keng-hu, founder of the Chinese Socialist party, promised to join the Chinese Nazis. Mr. Chu Chang-lai, minister of communications in the Nanking puppet government and Nazi party leader there, recently made a long visit to Peiping.

Yin Tung is the front man for the Chinese Nazis in north China. He is the energetic chief of the party and a generous contributor to its treasury. Others in the movement are Wang Shih-ching, north China finance head, and Chow Tso-pen, director of the education department.

President Wang Ching-wei of the Nanking puppet regime is reported to be keeping a close watch on the party's growth, of which he does not wholly approve. But since the Chinese Nazis are against Chiang Kai-shek and the communists, even Wang is said to have contributed to the Nazi funds.

Like Wang Ching-wei, the Japanese senior military officers in the north are said to view the Nazi party activities with some suspicion, although many of the junior officers are giving their active support.

MALAYA'S GIFT TO WAR EFFORT

Malaya's latest contribution to the Empire's war effort is a free gift of £450,000 raised by war taxation and additional Customs duties from September to December, 1940.

Lord Moyne, Secretary for Colonies, has gratefully acknowledged the gift.—Reuter

Labels Goading Nazis

(BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)

Little bits of paper, popping up in the most unexpected places, are haunting the German invaders of France's big cities.

Adhesive labels bearing the words "On les aura" ("We Shall Get Them") are found on the walls of cafes, on lampposts, railings, trees and hoardings.

People finishing a drink find the little labels sticking to the bottom of their glasses. It is impossible to avoid seeing those three ominous words.

They are even fixed to the trees in the Bois de Boulogne, to the seats in Champs Elysees. This symbol of the spirit still existing in the heart of every true Frenchman flourishes because hundreds of men and women daily risk the death penalty to print and distribute the labels.

A young Frenchman who has arrived in Britain after an amazing escape from the shadow of the Swastika, tells the story.

He tells of secret printing machines hidden from Nazi police in the basements of unsuspected homes, of how men and women work through the night, knowing that to be caught means death.

Among agents for distribution are housewives and children. "We Shall Get Them" can be seen everywhere.

A PAPER BAG DOES THAT, AND A BOMB—

Pressure on the brain jumps to four times normal when a paper bag is burst, so think what happens when a bomb screams down and then explodes, said Wesley Edwards, industrial psychologist, speaking in San Francisco.

Screaming bombs, the German terror weapon, he described as a scientific application of the nerve-racking noise that is part of everyday life.—Associated Press.

RUBBER FACTORY HAND GAOLED

For stealing \$93.70 from his employer on Wednesday, Yeung Tai, 17, cutter employed by Tai Hang Rubber Factory, Castle Peak Road, was fined \$25, or six weeks' hard labour, by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning. The money was recovered.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is increasing over Mongolia where an anticyclone is developing. Shallow depressions are situated over Indo-China and to the north-east of Hokkaido.

D.G.S. SERVANT ARRESTED

Two recent burglaries at the Diocesan Girls' School were cleared up by Det.-Sgt. C. Pope when he arrested a former employee of the School yesterday.

He charged him before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning with:—

(a) larceny, by servant, of a travelling clock on August 15 last;

(b) breaking in the school and stealing a lady's coat and an alarm clock on February 15;

(c) breaking in the school and stealing two pairs of trousers and two woollen jumpers on February 17, the property of Miss B. M. Gibbins, head-mistress of the School.

Pleading guilty, accused was sentenced to seven months' hard labour, and recommended for banishment.

Sergeant Pope said that accused was in the School when he stole the travelling clock, but was later dismissed.

Accused used a duplicate key to carry out the later thefts.

IN MINEFIELD

Yeung Kam, steersman of a trading junk was this morning fined \$30—or one month, for anchoring his junk in the Tathong Channel Minefield.



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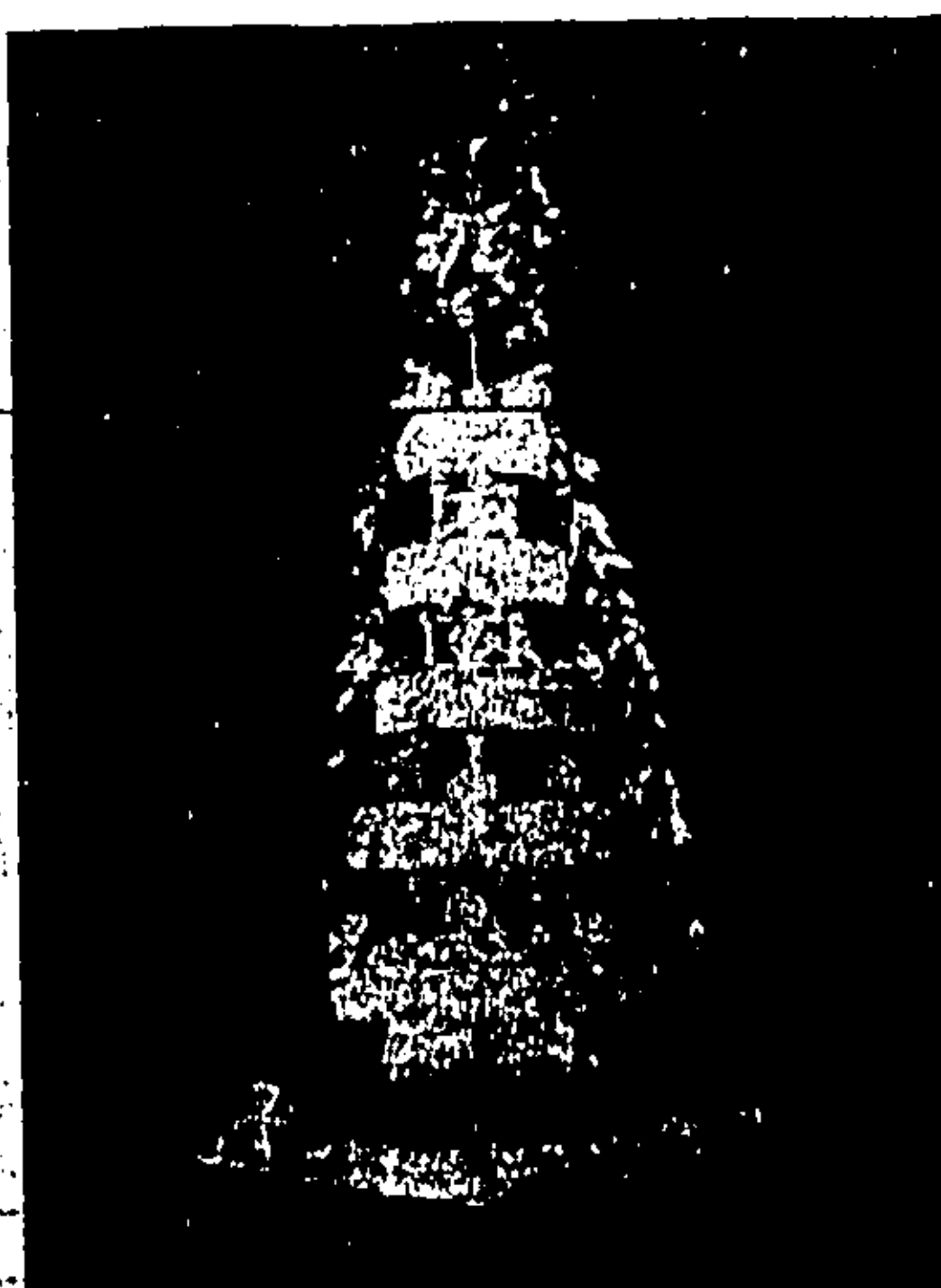
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Striking Order Of Day By General Cunningham

(From A Special Correspondent with the East African Force)

A STRIKING ORDER OF THE DAY WAS ISSUED BY LT.-GENERAL A. G. CUNNINGHAM, GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING THE EAST AFRICAN IMPERIAL FORCE, ON THE EVE OF THE SUCCESSFUL JUBALAND OPERATIONS.

"Hit them, hit them hard and hit them again," said the G.O.C., and the troops took the exhortation to heart.

Following the capture last Friday by South African infantry of an important Italian post and aerodrome at the mouth of the Juba River, nine miles from Kismayu, the enemy is now virtually expelled from Jubaland.

General Cunningham, in this Order, said: "The victory of the Imperial troops further north filled us in East Africa with pride and excited thought. 'No doubt the ensuing period has touched us with envy and there has been a strong desire to emulate their achievement. The chance is now here.

No Whit Behind

"This Force is no whit behind in dash, courage and endurance. Confident in this, I send to the South African and West African troops participating in operations, a message of good luck."—Reuter.

Developing Well

It was officially announced in Cairo yesterday that Imperial troops have successfully crossed the Juba River, driving off enemy counter-attacks.

The communique adds that operations in this area are developing well.

On other fronts there is no change in the situation.—Reuter.

The Jar of Jarabub

Rome broadcasts continue to say that the Italian soldiers in Jarabub, some 250 miles south of Sallum, near the Egyptian frontier, are putting up stubborn resistance.

What form this resistance takes is not known, for military circles in London are well aware that this quite considerable garrison has been pursuing the usual Italian tactics in Libya of complete inertia.

Our operations for months past, it is pointed out, have consisted in just watching this force and preventing it either being relieved or escaping. We have not attacked Jarabub for indeed this does not appear as yet necessary.

Boredom and the feeling of having been abandoned by their government are the main dangers that the garrison of Jarabub have had to face so far. —British Wireless.

CHINESE FOOD CONTROL COUNCIL

Speaking at the opening of the National Food Conference yesterday, Dr. H. H. Kung exhorted the delegates to avoid theoretic discussion and work out practical measures to solve food problems, confronting the nation.

Dr. Kung advanced three suggestions: easing of public nervousness over the food situation; increased production, and the regulation of supply and demand.—Central News.

NOMINAL FINE

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Yiu Hing-lin, 38, auditor, charged with a breach of Defence Regulations, before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Accused had in his possession a letter on Wednesday when he arrived by plane from Chungking. The letter was sent to the censor, who found \$50 (Chinese currency) in it.

SALE OF POISON CHARGE

Leung lu-tong, 42, manager of the Asia Hospital Supplies Shop, No. 199, Johnston Road, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, with unlawfully selling poison on February 13.

It was alleged that the accused sold a packet of streptocide tablets and a packet of Aminobergene Sulfamido Pyranine tablets to a soldier.

Mr. A. W. Brown is appearing for the defence, and Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin for the prosecution.

The case was adjourned for further enquiries. Defendant was granted bail of \$500.

N.Z. COMES THROUGH

IN RESPONSE TO BRITAIN'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PRODUCE NEW ZEALAND FARMERS HAVE PRODUCED AN ADDITIONAL 16,000 TONS OF CHEESE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AN EXTRA 10,000 TONS OF BACON. STATES THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING, WITHOUT THE IMPORTATION OF EXTRA FOOD SUPPLIES.

Output of mutton, lamb and beef in New Zealand has been maintained at the highest level. The lambing percentage this year is the best since 1936 and there are 75,000 more lambs this season than last year.

Latest returns indicate an increase in the wool clip.

The New Zealand Minister also says that Maori farmers have responded splendidly to the request for additional crops of maize. —British Wireless.

CHERCHEZ LA FEMME

That a woman was the cause of the fight, was mentioned before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning, when Lai Ho, 32, and Liu Tai-wah, 53, were charged with disorderly conduct.

Accused were seen fighting by an Indian constable. He arrested them and sent the elder with sustained injuries to the head, to hospital.

Both were placed on a \$10 bond to keep the peace for one year.

100 FIRE HEROES KILLED

London's heroic band of wartime firemen recently suffered their hundredth death.

The number of fatalities among volunteers who joined the London Fire Service as auxiliaries now stands at 102 since war broke out. A further 1,000 have been injured. The casualty list is eloquent testimony of the valiant work performed by the fire service during the Battle of London.

Double Danger

They face a double danger—the peril from fire and the added risk of having to work on targets illuminated for the bombers.

Yet their morale is higher than ever, and nightly they earn the gratitude of the Londoners whom they dare all to protect.

SIND'S SEVENTH SPITFIRE

The people of Sind have sent the Minister of Aircraft Production a further contribution of £5,000 towards the purchase of a Spitfire to be called "Sind No. 7." Total now received from Sind exceeds £38,000.

With the latest gift of £5,000 the Uganda War Fund has now raised a total of £84,000 for the purchase of a Uganda squadron of fighters.—British Wireless.

TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN BLACK-OUT

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR of Factories, in his Annual Report just issued, referring to the war as it affected factories and factory workers during the first four months, says: "The irony of the war situation is that while modern housing estates have taken factory workers away from the centre of towns and into better surroundings this has created a traffic problem in the black-out which has led to a prolongation of the working day and workers hours to a very considerable extent.

The transport position was examined and is now being put on a sounder footing through the efforts of the Ministry of Transport and Welfare Officers of the Ministry of Labour.

I still feel, however, that transport difficulties need the serious attention of all concerned as a vital matter for the preservation of the health and well being of factory worker."

The Chief Inspector also says: "One indication that our nation would not believe war was inevitable is given by fatalities in September, 1939. In spite of warnings by Government little

effort was made to black-out our factories up to this time and as a consequence many fatalities occurred in the rush to get this black-out work done.

The number of fatalities for this month is the highest of which I can find a record. Accidents due to falls through roofs were early seen to be serious and warnings were issued to the public."

The Report added that in comparatively few cases, even when considerable difficulty was experienced, has it been found impossible not to provide air raid shelters somewhere on factory premises.—British Wireless.

M. P. WISHES TO ALLAY NAZI PRISONERS' FEARS

On a number of occasions captured Nazi pilots have said they expected to be shot or poisoned.

Mr. R. R. Stokes (Soc., Ipswich) is to suggest in Parliament that, to induce pilots to surrender more easily, Britain should broadcast regularly in German that Nazi prisoners will be treated in accordance with the Hague Convention.

DOG WAS BURIED 2 DAYS-- O.K.

After being trapped for two nights and days under his A.F.S. master's bombed home, a dog was rescued.

The dog, Bimbo, could be heard barking continually from his prison as his master, Mr. A. Tiranti, worked to free him, but there was not even a small space through which food or water could be passed.

At last the rescue squad were able to bore a hole through a 3ft. concrete foundation down which Mr. Tiranti was able to climb and rescue his pet.

His Tail Wagging

When Bimbo was carried to the surface he was very much alive and tail wagging, and a small crowd which had been standing vigil off and on throughout the dog's imprisonment cheered and rushed up to pat him.

Said Mr. Tiranti: "I could hear him barking, and my cat, who is

Rough Census To Be Taken

A semi-official census of Hong Kong's Population is to be taken next month.

Some 3,500 Air Raid Wardens will visit house on four consecutive nights — from March 7 to March 10 — between 6 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. for this purpose.

The only questions which are to be asked, concern nationality, age, and sex, and it was stated by the A.R.P. Department this morning, that the primary object is to find out how the population is distributed in the Colony.

With this information, the A.R.P. Department will be able to plan how to divide air raid shelter accommodation and will also be of great help in the distribution of food in the event of an emergency.

RECRUITING IN INDIA

Asked in the Commons yesterday if he could state the number of recruits to the Indian Army who have volunteered from each province since the beginning of the war the Secretary of State for India gave the following figures up to the end of September:

North-West Frontier Province, 9,506, Punjab 18,036, United Provinces 12,227, Delhi 406, Madras 9,898, Bombay 7,056, Bihar 710, Central Provinces and Berar 899, Bengal 113, Goorg 42, Assam one, Baluchistan 8.—British Wireless.

CLASSES IN SHELTER

St. Pancras Borough Council Emergency Committee have agreed in principle to a London County Council proposal that educational classes should be held in large public shelters.

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THE EXCHANGE BANKS will OPEN at 9.30 A.M. and will CLOSE at 12 NOON for the Transaction of Exchange Business on MONDAY, the 24th February, 1941. (Race Meeting).

Hong Kong, 20th Feb., 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday, the 13th February to Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th February, 1941.

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Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on FRIDAY, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1941.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—

THIRD DAY—Saturday,—22nd February.

FOURTH DAY—Monday,—24th February.

FIFTH DAY—Saturday,—1st March.

On Saturday, 22nd and Monday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m. and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 31

"Who is the criminal, North or South?" inquires an anguished reader. "North claims that South should bid the Slam because of the heart void; South thinks he was rather bold as it was. What do you think?"

East, Dealer		North-South vulnerable	
♠ 6	♥ J 9 8 7	♠ A K Q 3	♥ 10 5
♦ 7 6 3	♣ K 10 6	♦ A K Q 10 5 4	♣ 7
The bidding:		N	
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♥	Pass

East	South	West	North
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
4♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	6♥	Pass

We think that it's a very close and, in one respect, a very curious question. If the Slam is to be bid at all, we think that North must extend the invitation. He knows that South cannot have better than Jacks in either spades, or diamonds, and should make it possible for South to bid the Slam if he has either Ace or void in hearts or clubs. But surely South cannot be expected to take further action when North passes the four-spade bid and when East doubles five spades!

The curious feature of the hand is that the finger of suspicion has not even been lifted to point at the real criminal. Look at the hand again and decide for yourself who the real criminal was.

West was the criminal, and he committed three crimes! To begin with, he should have jumped to four hearts at his first chance to bid. His hand was pretty fair in support of a heart contract but defenceless against any other; and the jump might have given the opponents a little trouble. Having failed to jump, he should have rebid at each of his other two chances. A non-vulnerable heart contract could not be severely punished — even if East and West had to sacrifice at seven hearts — and would have been excellent insurance against a vul-

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A man alleged to have said: "We stand little chance of winning," was at Hendon fined £25, to be paid immediately, or one month's imprisonment.

He was Lawrence James Lester, aged thirty-seven, described as a fitter, of Tottenham Court Road, accused of publishing a statement on the war likely to cause alarm or despondency.

Mr. J. S. Williams, prosecuting, said that in an air-raid shelter at his works Lester said: "The war is a racket brought about by the politicians."

Ronald James Collett, another employee, said Lester stated that he knew Mr. Chamberlain had £7,000,000 or £8,000,000 invested in several Jewish firms which were on Government work, and therefore he was running the war for his own personal gain.

Lester also said that before long the working-man would receive no wages but only tickets for food and rent.

At one time, added Collett, it looked as if Lester would be man-handled.

Lester denied making the statement about Mr. Chamberlain.

norable game or a vulnerable Slam.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ A Q 6 3
♥ 8
♦ A J 7 5 4
♣ K 10 2

Jacoby	You	Malor	Schenken
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♣
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. It's true that your partner's free bid shows strength, but it's equally unlikely that there is a game in the hand. Your partner has named your worst suit — a minor suit, to make matters worse. If game were likely, your partner would have been able to jump in clubs, or bid spades or double.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for two diamonds, 40% for three clubs, 30% for two spades.

Question No. 645

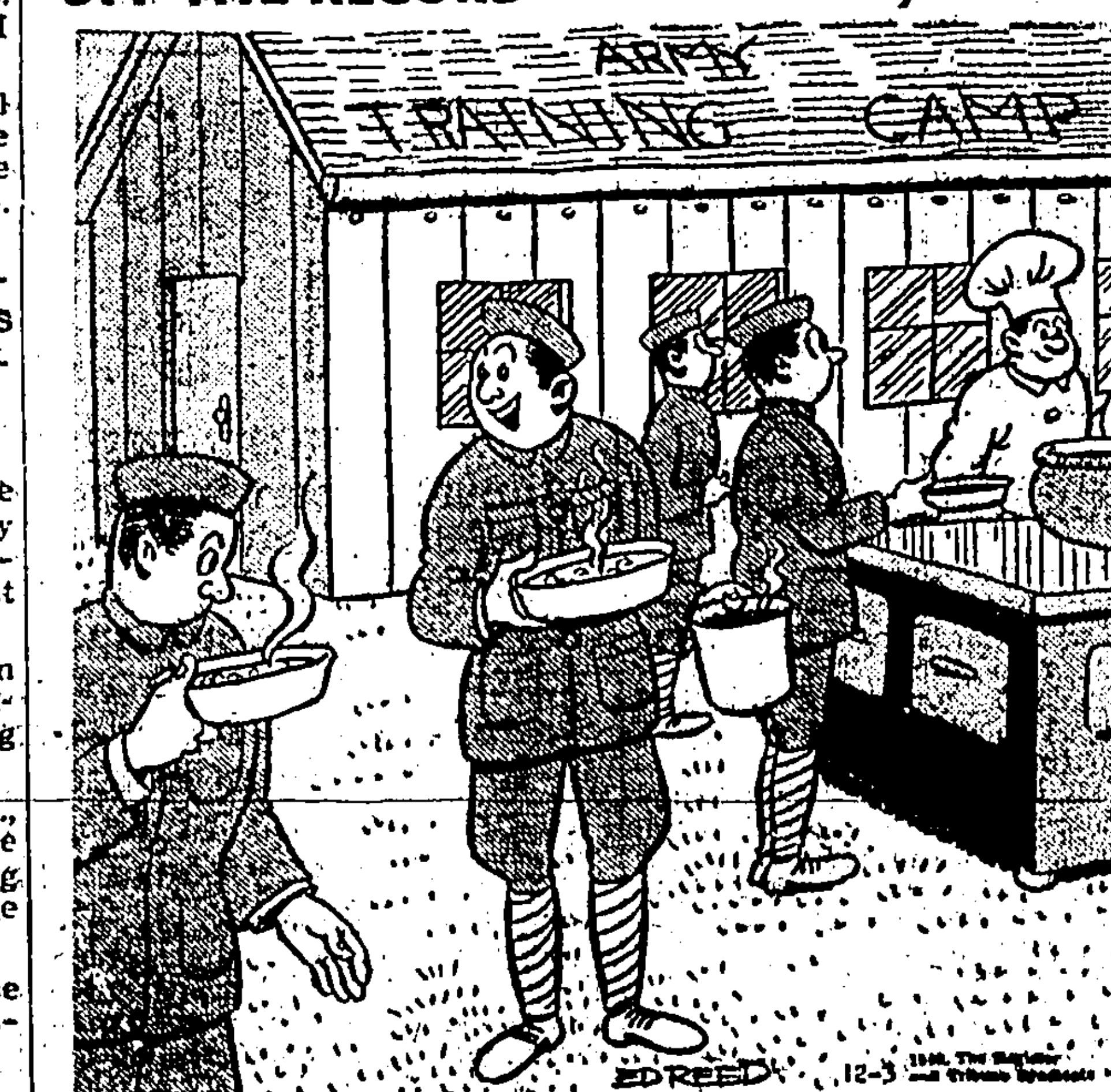
To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold the same hand once again. But the bidding is:

Jacoby	You	Malor	Burnstone
1♥	Pass	1NT	2♣
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD By ED REED



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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Hylton
and His Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—Elgar—Cockaigne Concert
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6.47 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson
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7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Newletter
by O. M. Green.

7.30 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano)
playing some Chopin Mazurkas.

7.43 p.m.—A Short Violin Recital by
Joseph Szigeti.

8.03 p.m.—Billy Russell, Gracie Fields
and Vic Oliver in Variety.

8.30 p.m.—London Relay—'Theatre-
land'.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of
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9.30 p.m.—Some of Ivor Novello's
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10.00 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'By
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10.15 p.m.—Harold Ramsay at the
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10.28 p.m.—Dance Music.

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MANHATTAN FAVOURED FOR THE ROOTY-HILL DERBY

Prospects For Third Day Of Annual Mtg. Discussed

By "Rapier"

WEATHER PERMITTING, THE THIRD-DAY PROGRAMME OF THE ANNUAL RACE MEETING WILL BE HELD TO-MORROW. OWING TO THE DEPLORABLE STATE OF THE COURSE, WHICH WAS VERY BADLY AFFECTED BY THE HEAVY RAIN WHICH FELL THROUGHOUT TUESDAY AFTERNOON THE STEWARDS ACTED VERY WISELY IN POSTPONING THE MEETING.

The track is certain to be on the slippery side to-morrow, and it is to be hoped that no further accidents will mar the remainder of the meeting.

There are 12 events on the programme, most important of which is the Rooty-Hill Derby and Sport Club Cup. Interest in this particular race has taken on phenomenal proportions due to the heavy demand for tickets in the Dollar Sweep.

RACE NO. 1 ALBURY STAKES. 1 1/4 MILES

This race is confined to Australian subs. of 1941; weight for inches as per scale; winners barred. The following will probably do well if started:

Bugle (Mr. Wei),
Black Seal (Mr. Chao),
King's Flight (Mr. Needa),
Newborn Star.

On the strength of its second placing to Dutch Treat in the Garrison Cup over the two mile post distance by a short head, I think Black Seal should win.

There is also King's Flight to be considered as it ran very well to come in second to Santa-Anita in the Lusitano Cup over the same distance. Bugle was third in the same race with Black Seal, and it should fight out the minor place with Newborn Star.

RACE NO. 2 RACING STAKES. ONE MILE

Griffins of this meeting will clash here with winners barred. Despite its disappointing run in the Hong Kong Derby, I am of the opinion that Charlesber (Mr. Chao) will redeem itself by winning this race, although Glossy-light (Mr. Moller) should offer some opposition. World Fair View should not do better than finish third.

RACE NO. 3 CHATER CUP. ABOUT HALF MILE. 170 YARDS

After its brilliant win in the Austral Derby, I cannot see anything here to beat Distant View, which should have little difficulty in accounting for this race. For the second place a good tussle should be witnessed between Vis Major (Mr. Sokoloff) and Marsh Warbler (Mr. Black).

RACE NO. 4 VICTORIA STAKES. ONE MILE

This is a handicap race for China ponies and, judging from the entries, the finish should again be fought out between Eve of Harvest (Mr. Davis) and Confusion Bay (Mr. Needa). I understand that Burford, the holder of the record for this distance, and O-Lan, the winner in record time of the Challenge Cup (1-3/4), will be reserved for the Champions Stakes, to be run on

Monday. For the third place I like the chances of Spicelight (Mr. Moller).

RACE NO. 5 CANBELEGO HANDICAP. ONE MILE

"C" Class. Australian ponies will figure in this race and judging from past performances, I have no hesitation in nominating Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) to win, as the pony is at the moment in fine condition. It is likely to meet with opposition from Caterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne) and Cheerful Star, however. There is also Shuttlecock (Mr. Black) to be considered.

RACE NO. 6 ROYAL NAVY CUP. ABOUT ONE MILE. 171 YARDS

Australian Subscription ponies of 1941 will contest this race with the proviso that the winner of the Garrison Cup is barred and the winner of the Governor's Cup will have to carry another 7 lb.

If its owner decides to send it out here, United Express (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), the Governor's Cup winner, will probably account for this race but it should meet with strong opposition from Santa-Anita (Mr. Liang), the winner of the Lusitano Cup over the Champions distance.

National Welfare (Mr. Tao), the winner of the Sydney Maiden Stakes (third section) should have no difficulty in securing third place.

RACE NO. 7 CHEFOO HANDICAP. ABOUT ONE MILE, 171 YARDS

This event is for "D" Class, China ponies and judging from its win in the Amoy Handicap for novice jockeys over six furlongs, I cannot see anything here to beat Eve of Peace (Mr. Davis) as it is much better than any entry. The second and third places will probably be fought out between Royal Wedding Eve and Sylvandale (Mr. Tao).

This is the first leg of the "DAILY DOUBLE."

RACE NO. 8 ROOTY-HILL DERBY AND SPORTS CLUB CUP. 1 1/2 MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon on which the big \$1-00 Cash Sweep will depend. The following will probably start:

Amulet Star,
Bendemeer (Mr. Needa),
Dutch Treat (Mr. P. P. Botelho),
Endeavour (Mr. Wei),
Jus Gentium (Mr. Sokoloff),
Manhattan (Mr. Hearne),
Moonlight (Mr. Noodt),
Vitamin M. (Mr. Black).

Amulet Star won the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Second section) over six furlongs; Bendemeer won the Perth Plate (Second section), half mile; Dutch Treat won the Garrison Cup over the two mile post; Endeavour and Jus Gentium were third and second respectively to Manhattan in the Australian Valley Stakes over the mile; Moonlight won the Perth Plate (First Section) half a mile, and Vitamin M. was third in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Third section) over six furlongs.

Taking their merits one by one I should not be far wrong in stating that Manhattan stands the best chance of winning here, although there are many who still believe that Endeavour is the potential winner.

Good as this pony is over this distance, however, I think it will again have to bow to Manhattan.

Of the above ponies Vitamin M. should not be disregarded as it was badly left at the start when it lost to National Welfare, and I expect it to be well up at the finish.

My choice of the first three are Manhattan, Endeavour and Vitamin M.

RACE NO. 9 KARA KARA HANDICAP. SIX FURLONGS

Australian subscription ponies of previous seasons, with the proviso that winners at this meeting are barred, will try conclusions.

Far View (Mr. Pih), which was second to Sapper in the Coral Handicap over the mile, has been given top-weight of 159 lb. but I think it should win, with Veeroy second and Australian Diamond third.

RACE NO. 10 AUSTRAL RACING STAKES. 1 1/4 MILES

Australian ponies, griffins of this meeting, will figure in this race over the Champions distance with winners barred.

Oracle (Mr. Needa), which was second in the Austral Derby, should stand the best chance of winning, but it will have to be at its best to stave off the challenge of First Love, the third pony in the Derby, and Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao), which was a disappointment in the above race.

I think, however, that it will probably redeem itself to-morrow.

RACE NO. 11 HOPEFUL STAKES. ABOUT ONE MILE, 171 YARDS

China griffins of this meeting will again meet here with winners carrying 7 lb. penalty.

Oolong (Mr. Needa) should walk away with this race if it is sent out as the opposition does not appear strong enough to upset it, while Velvetlight (Mr. Moller) should again take second place, with Eve of Grandeur (Mr. Davis) third.

RACE NO. 12 SANDRINGHAM PLATE. SIX FURLONGS

The last race of the day is confined to Australian subs. of 1941, with winners barred.

Judging from its performance against Amulet Star in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (Second Section) I should not be far wrong in naming A Surprising Time (Mr. Noodt) as the winner of this event. Strong opposition, however, should come from Fresh Air (Mr. Ip



P. & L.'s First Love (Mr. Liang up) being led in after its lucky win in the Austral Trial Plate on Monday. Nomine Poenae (Mr. Chao up) was winning when Mr. Chao became unseated and fell over the rails. First Love paid \$32.60 on the pari-mutuel.

Kui-ying) if it does not again bore out in rounding the bend for home.

There is also Bona Vacantia (Mr. Sokoloff) to be reckoned with as it was second to Moonlight in the Perth Plate (First Section).

A Surprising Time, however, should win, with Fresh Air second and Bona Vacantia third.

H.K.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent H.K.C.C. "A" v Club de Recreio 2nd XI at H.K.C.C. to-morrow:—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, C. W. E. Bishop, N. D. Booker, G. J. P. Carey, W. G. Finnie, J. L. Ilsley, D. O. Parsons,

C.C.C. JUNIOR ELEVEN

The following have been selected to represent Craigghower Cricket Club in a 2nd Division League match against the University on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at 2.00 p.m., on the University ground, Pokfulam.—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Es-mall, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, E. A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock and W. K. Way.

The 1st XI match against the Army has been cancelled.

R. S. W. Paterson, E. W. Pudney and D. S. Robb.

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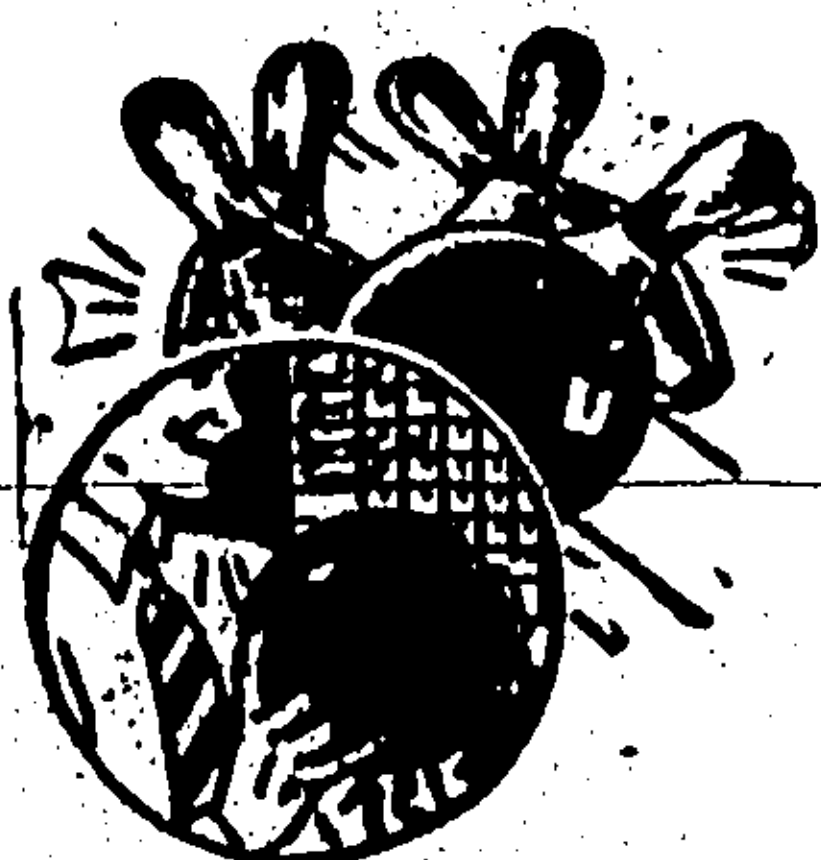
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"A" Division

	P.	L.	W.
K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (University "A")	12	0	12
H. F. Chiu and P. K. Hui (University "A")	9	0	9
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6	1	5
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "B")	6	1	5
C. Au and H. Koh (Chinese "Y")	9	4	5
C. Au and F. Koh (Chinese "Y")	6	2	4
J. J. Remedios and H. F. Gonsalves (Recreio)	12	8	4
C. K. Lee and S. L. Yung (University "B")	3	0	3
M. S. Lim and S. F. Yung (University "A")	3	0	3
T. T. Chin and F. L. Yung (University "B")	6	3	3
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio)	12	9	3
F. Koh and C. Y. Yung (Chinese "Y")	12	9	3
P. H. Hon and H. F. Chiu (University "A")	2	1	2
C. K. Cheuk and K. B. Lin (University "B")	3	1	2
S. Amplanavar and A. P. Lee (University "B")	3	1	2
M. P. Young and Y. P. Young (University "A")	3	1	2
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese "Y")	6	4	2
I. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	12	10	2

"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter (K.C.C.)	18	2	16
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	18	4	14
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	15	0	15
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	12	0	12
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	12	0	12
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	12	2	10
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	18	9	9
W. H. Choy and W. C. Choy (Chung Wah)	9	1	8
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	12	4	8
Peter Lo and J. Taang (Kowloon Tong)	15	7	8
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	9	2	7
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum (V.R.C.)	12	5	7
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	12	5	7
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	15	8	7
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	15	8	7
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	9	3	6
J. Odell and M. Tolan (J.R.C.)	9	3	6
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	12	6	6
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	18	13	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	2
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	2
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	2
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Goano (Recreio)	3	0	2
E. Zimmermann and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	0	2
W. Lawrence and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	0	2
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	6	3	3
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmermann (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	3	3
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and P. C. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
K. L. Lui and J. Pau (King's)	3	1	2
K. H. Lo and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	1	2
N. Whitley and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	3
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	9	7	2
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	12	10	2

CRATERS IN ALLOTMENTS

Allotment holders in a London area have "bomb" craters in their plots, and one man applied to the local council for a reduction of his allotment rent, pointing out that his potato crop was ruined. The Council refused the application. Other allotment holders who regarded it as a test case are considering an appeal to the Ministry of Agriculture.

Army In Sore Need Of A Good Centre-Forward

Fox Needs Rest; Pearson And Pelham Possibles

By "Squaddy"

AT Happy Valley on Monday, in the Colony seven-a-side Rugby tournament, four Army sevens registered wins.

Royal Scots were unable to make an appearance owing to military duties.

Middlesex Regiment defeated Tamar and Small Ships by seven points to five, after having a seven-point lead at the interval. Capt. Mar scored a magnificent drop goal, which was considered the best feat of the day, and Pte Berry scored a try which was not converted.

Combined Small Units "A" beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., "B" by nine points to nil, with Sig. Pratt scoring two tries and Pte. Macdonald one.

The 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., "A" who will want a lot of watching in this tournament, easily accounted for Jardine's by winning 11 points to nil. 1/Bdr. Richards scored two tries in the first half. Sgt. Marsh converting one and giving them an eight point lead. Capt. Skipwith scored a try in the second half which Sgt. Marsh failed to convert.

Engineers beat 5th A.A. Regt., R.A., "A" by 13 points to 3.

Engineers were superior in all divisions of the game, and Cpl. Birrell played excellently, scoring two tries which he also converted. Cpl. Pictor scored the Sappers' other try. Gnr. Giblin scored for the Gunners.

In the second round of this tournament the only two Army teams successful on Wednesday were Royal Engineers and Combined Small Units, who defeated 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A., "B" and 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., "A" respectively, with the Combined Small Units having to play extra time to win. There was not much in either game, both matches being decided by one goal, and one try respectively.

Engineers again have Cpl. Birrell and Cpl. Foley to thank for their hard and accurate kicking. Sgt. Davis scored the Sappers' try which Cpl. Birrell converted from 40 yards out with a magnificent kick.

The Combined Small Units and the 12th Hvy. Regt., R.A., "A" were evenly matched and full time came with neither side having the upper hand.

Extra time was played with the Small Units scoring through Wigglesworth in the first few seconds of this period.

Middlesex were no match for the Strong Club "A", who defeated them easily by 13 points to nil.

Owing to rain, only one game was played in the Large Units Rugby League at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, between Royal Engineers and Middlesex Regiment, Sappers, winning by the only try of the game.

Both sides were well matched and found it difficult to handle the ball on such a wet ground.

The Sappers were better than their opponents in handling, especially their outside men, but the Middlesex forwards were better in the tight.

Sappers have not yet lost in this League.

The following is the League table to date:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R. Engineers	3	3	0	0	6
R. Artillery	3	2	0	1	4
R. S.C.'s	2	1	0	1	2
Middlesex	3	1	0	2	2
C.S. Units	3	0	0	3	0

SNOOKER

IN the Garrison Snooker League the Medical Corps are still leading with the Engineers "A" close on their heels. Both have played five games, won two and drawn three, but the Medicals have won more frames than the Engineers which gives them the three-point lead.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	5	2	0	3	21
R.E. "A"	5	2	0	3	18
R.E. Sgts.	5	2	1	2	17
R.A. Sgts.	5	1	0	4	16
C.M. Police	5	1	0	4	16
Signals Cpls.	5	1	2	2	13
R.A.P.C.	5	1	2	2	12
Signals	5	0	5	0	7

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

THE Army did not play up to expectations in the Final of the Lai Wah Cup match against the Civilians last Sunday, and this was mainly due to the bad and poor shooting ability of their forwards. The Army Selection Committee are meeting on Saturday to discuss and select their team for the next Kotewall Cup match against the Chinese or Navy.

They are at present badly in need of a centre-forward as Fox of the Royal Engineers is much off form at the moment and could do with a well earned rest.

Pearson of the Middlesex Regiment, who played an excellent game against Sing Tao last week, might be considered for this position, as he has now found his old form. In representative matches, however, he does not seem to shine.

Pelham of the Engineers is another candidate for the centre berth, and has done very well for the Sappers this season and has assisted them in reaching the top. The Army's defence need not be

changed, as they have one of the strongest in the Colony, although beaten five times on Sunday.

Sgt. Owens and S/Sgt. Duffield, the wingers, were not given the same opportunities as they had in the semi-final against the Chinese, and if they had been given more passes they might have made good use of them. Both these players are faster than the average footballer, and, with their fine centres, either could make a centre-forward.

It is hoped that the Army team will be able to prove that they are capable of scoring in their next match.

In the re-play of the first round of the Junior Shield, Royal Corps Signals knocked out 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A. by the odd goal in five at Happy Valley on Wednesday.

Sgt. Brackenbury scored twice for the Signals and Bundy once. Flanders and Casey scored for the Gunners.

WATER-POLO

TO-NIGHT at the Y.M.C.A. the Middlesex will play the European Y.M.C.A. team at 7.15 p.m.

HOCKEY

No Ladies' League This Season

A DECISION TO LET the Caer Clark Cup competition lapse this year but to continue the seven-a-side tournament as usual was reached at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association held at Gloucester Hotel yesterday.

The Acting President, Miss E. M. Gray, presided, assisted by Mrs. I. Joyce.

In presenting the annual report Miss Gray expressed her gratefulness to Mrs. O. Burnett and Mrs. I. Joyce for drawing up the

M. Booker (H.K. Ladies), Miss F. Wong and Miss G. White (St. Andrew's), Miss E. Churn and Miss V. Jex (D.G.S.), Mrs. C. Figuereido and Miss M. Maxwell (Argonauts), Mrs. Joyce and Miss Baxter (C.B.A.).

Bomber Fund

A proposal by Mrs. Joyce to make a donation to the Bomber Fund was unanimously adopted by the meeting and the initial sum of \$400 was decided upon. It was decided to turn this year's seven-a-side tournament to the benefit of a similar cause and Miss Gray expressed a hope for more hearty response from the public. After discussion, this question was left to the Council.

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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

BY "STRIKE"

There has been some first class Ten Pin Bowling recently in the Alleys. On February 13, Corp. Watts of the Royal Corps of Signals scored a brilliant 258, almost equalling the record score of 278 he set up last February.

Commencing with a spare in his first frame, Watts then bagged seven strikes in a row, followed by a spare, a strike, and a spare with the two extra balls.

It was a brilliant effort indeed and if he had made a strike in the ninth frame, instead of a spare he would have equalled his 278.

Ernie Hearther also put up some good Ten Pin scores on February 14, when in a series of eight games he made, 226, 184, 204, 202, 200, 212, 211, 203, or 1643 with an average of 205.4 pins per game. This is good, consistent bowling and will take some beating.

The second round in the Singles Handicap Competition has been completed, and the third round is due to be finished by February 24.

Close Finishes

In the final stages of the second round there were some very close and interesting finishes.

In match between H. B. Neale (146) and E. H. Brazel (146) on February 7, Brazel won by the narrow margin of 22 pins.

Brazel started off with a good 169, but Neale only managed a poor 117.

C. E. Vaughan (Mindanao) played Signalman G. Birkett of Royal Corps of Signals in the second round, also on the same day. The game resulted in a win for the former by 57 pins.

Vaughan's handicap was plus 40, and Birkett's plus 30, so Birkett was conceding 10 pins per game or 30 pins for the three games played. The scores were, Vaughan 454 and Birkett 397.

Another Near Thing

Another interesting and very close match (also in the second round) was played the same day between Signalman A. Cleggett of Royal Corps of Signals and Cpl. W. Wathen of the same company. This resulted in a win for the former player by eight pins.

Cleggett's handicap was plus 26 and Wathen's plus 36.

Cleggett's useful 220 in his third game no doubt gave him the match, because Wathen was actually ahead by 17 pins (including his handicap) after the second game. Both finished up strongly in the last game but it was anyone's game up to the very last roll!

C. M. Williams met and defeated T. A. Slater on February 11, by 49 pins. Williams' handicap was plus 36 and Slater's plus 42. Williams scored 454 and Slater 405.

Slater is better at Duck Pins and I did not expect him to win. There was a very interesting match on February 12—the last match in the second round—Ernie Hearther (110) and Bdr. Pidgeon of Royal Artillery, who was plus 50. Hearther had to concede the formidable figure of 120 pins for the three games, but after a hard tussle he won by 31 pins, the scores 584 to 553. Hearther scored in his first game, but I cannot help thinking that if Pidgeon had played his usual game he might have beaten his more experienced opponent.

Third Round Matches

The first match in the third round was played off on February 12 between Corp. H. Watts and C. E. Vaughan of the U.S.S. Mindanao. Watts' handicap was plus 20 and Vaughan's plus 40. The former won by 54 pins, the score being 511 to 457 in his favour.

Watts' average worked out at 160 pins per game which is lower than usual, but it was enough to pull him through comfortably. Vaughan bowled below form. He started off with a good 167 pins but made a very poor 104 in his second game, and 126 in the third game his average, including his handicap, worked out at 152 pins per game.

The Finals of the Seven-A-Side

Rugby Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 8.

BASKETBALL TOURISTS TO PLAY TO-MORROW

THE 20TH Century Fox Film basketball team, fresh from a successful tour of the Philippine Islands, are due to arrive in Hong Kong to-morrow morning.

They are scheduled to play in the evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges St., against an All-Star Hong Kong quintette, composed of the leading players now in the Colony from Shanghai and Canton, as well as the local stars.

The proceeds of this match will be donated to the Chinese Youth Medical Relief Association and to the British Bomber Fund.

A programme of entertainment has been arranged for the visitors during their short stay here.

The visiting Californians, who won the Pacific Coast A.A.U. championship last year, are all former American College stars and are considered to be standout exponents of the cage game.

A Lecture

A lecture on the intricacies of modern basketball will be given by Capt. Knowles, who was a member of the American Olympic team that won the world's title at Berlin in 1936, and one or two other members of the team at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. auditorium at Bridges St., at 3.45 p.m. to-morrow afternoon. This talk will be free to the public.

A snappy girls' preliminary game has been arranged between a Kowloon girl starlet team and a Hong Kong all-star quintette. This game will start at 7.30 p.m.

Bill Woo, coach of the champion South China A.A. cage team, has

been chosen by the committee to handle the Colony's all-stars and the following players have been selected:—

Siew Kit-man (Capt.), Sek Chen-tack, Cheung Yuk-kwan, Cheng Choi-sun and Sek Chen-chee (South China A.A.); Leung Kok-dock, Poon Yu-kwan, Lo Chen-hoon, Lee Pui-chick and Tal Fook-shing (Sing Tao); Luk Tack-chiang (Chinese Y.M.C.A.); Chan Siu-look and Chan Sin-kao (Kuo Min University); Ng Ching-chu (Canton University); Hyul Man-fui (Eastern Athletic Association).

—Contributed.

TEAM NOT SUPPORTED IN MANILA

The American Chamber of Commerce has appealed to its members to turn out and lend moral support to the 20th Century Fox basketball team from the Pacific coast during their series with local teams, according to the "Manila Bulletin". Attention of the Chamber was called by one of the members to the poor support being given by Americans to the visiting American team so a circular has been sent out to members urging them to lend their moral support to the team.

CHESS

KARPOVICH'S FIRST SETBACK

L. Karpovich suffered his first setback in the Colony Chess championship last night when he was held to a draw by K. Weiss.

The game started at 6 p.m. and was completed at 2.15 a.m., continuing without a break for 8 hours and 15 minutes. Weiss managed a deadlock with his opponent on the board, though a piece down.

No amount of clever manoeuvring by Karpovich could make any difference to the situation, although he attempted to break through on the sacrifice of a piece for a pawn in an end game of Bishops of different colours.

Weiss, having White, opened with Queen's pawn, Karpovich replying irregularly and the game progressing through irregular channels.

OTHER MATCHES

C. M. Sequeira beat D. E. de Carvalho in the sixth round of the Colony Chess Championship played at the Peninsula Hotel last night. Sequeira played the Reti opening, an irregular reply by Carvalho evolving into a king's fianchetto. Spectacular play by Sequeira late in the match, when

he risked the temporary sacrifice of a rook, placed him in a strong attacking position and enabled him to win after 39 moves.

Junior Upsets

Two upsets marked the second round of the Colony Junior Chess Championship. R. C. Danenberg declined a sacrifice of a pawn by To Yu-lau in an Evans Gambit and played through to a very well deserved win after a flawless game.

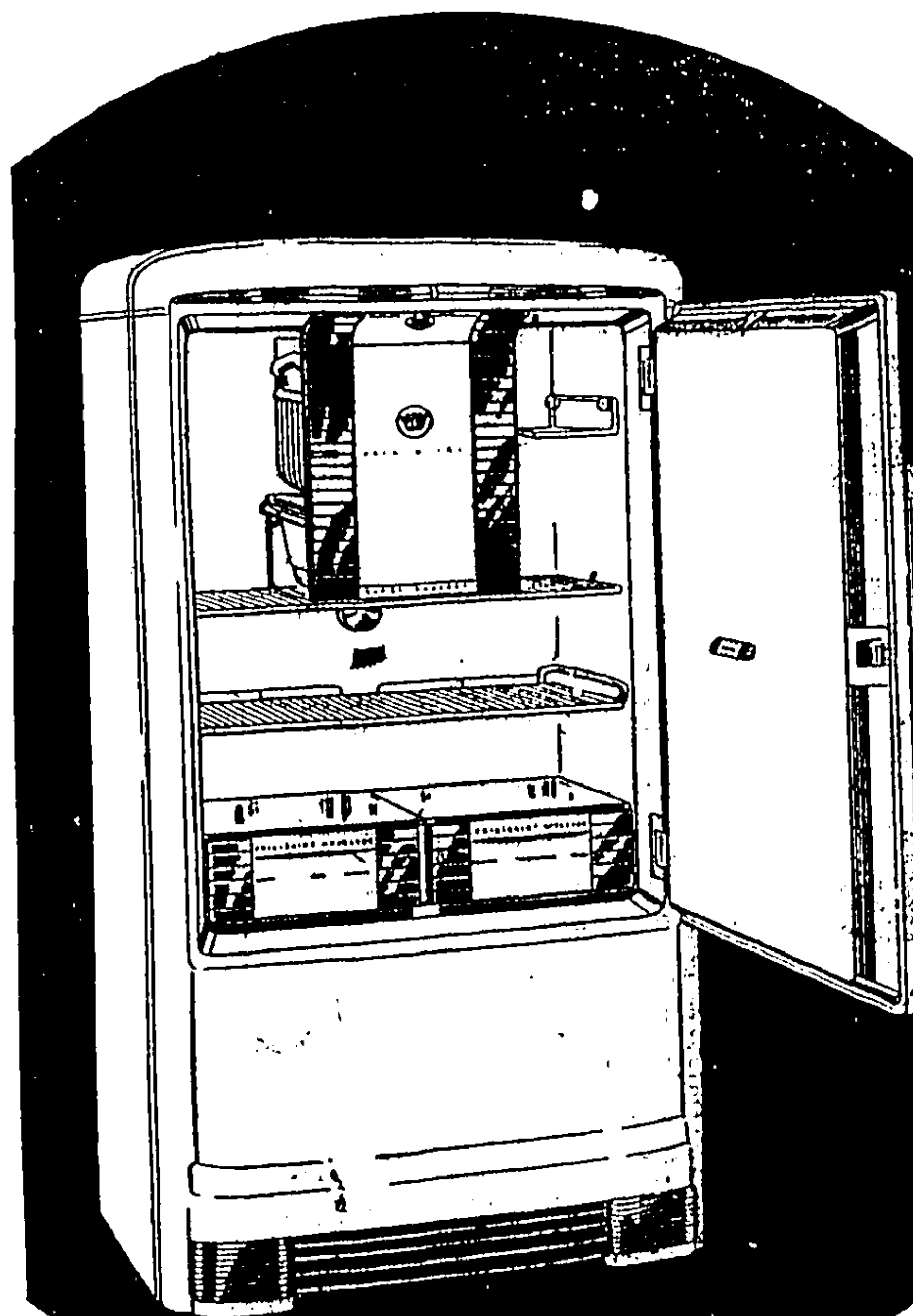
His opponent being ranked as one of the four strongest players in the Tournament, Danenberg scored a more spectacular win than did J. Grefalda, who pressed the Ponzi opening against W. Lee and lost a rook for a doubtful advantage of a passed pawn. Confident play aided by weak end game play on the part of Lee enabled Grefalda to extricate himself from a disadvantageous situation and he scored a splendid win.

The other two games in the Junior Tournament resulted in wins for A. Kurrik over A. Morton and for A. Y. Biriukoff over J. H. d'Almeida.

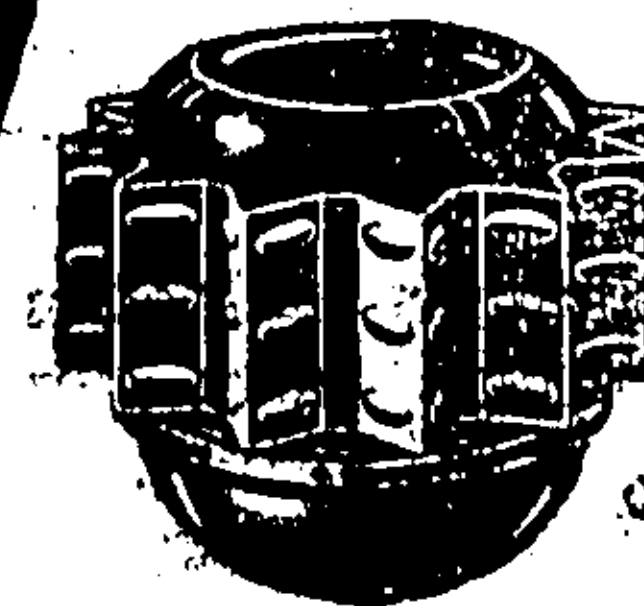
"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. first and second against the Nomads and the cond elevens at Hockey to-morrow, respectively, on the "Y" ground:

1st XI. at 4.15 p.m.—Benwell; Taylor and Yaurice; Jordan, Combe and Waldron; Smith, Morgan, Hitchcock, Oleson and Dunne.
2nd XI. at 3 p.m.—Cleggett; Railton and Whitburn; Smith, Gorman and Spencelayh; Macey, Olson, Dormer, Fancey and Banks.



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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The unexpected arrival of Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill in Cairo yesterday coincided with the announcement of an important British victory in Italian Somaliland which menaces Mogadiscio.

An immediate intensification of the British campaign in Libya, Somaliland, Eritrea and Abyssinia, to deal a knock-out blow to Italy's African Empire, looms as a possible outgrowth of the arrival of Mr. Eden and General Dill. — International News Service.

SIXTEEN NAZIS KILLED NEAR ZLIN

Sixteen German police officers were drowned when a German lorry in the Czech Protectorate near Zlin (Moravia) fell into the river, says a Prague despatch to the official German news agency. The German version of the incident says it was due to the failure of the brakes. — Reuter.

BULGARIAN POLICY UNCHANGED

Professor Filoff, the Bulgarian Prime-Minister, declared yesterday that the Bulgarian/Turkish agreement in no way changed the foreign policy of the Bulgarian Government. British Wireless.

New Capital To Be Raised

AN INCREASE IN the standard charges for current by the Hong Kong Electric Company, from 15 cents per unit to 16 cents for lighting, is among decisions reached at a meeting of the Board.

A bonus share issue and an issue of \$3,000,000 new capital has also been decided.

Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., agents for the H.K. Electric Company, state that the annual meeting will be held on March 20, 1941, and that the Directors will, subject to audit, recommend on account of the year 1940 that the balance available for distribution be disposed of as follows:

To pay a final dividend of \$1.20 per share on the 600,000 old shares, making, with the interim dividend of \$1.00 per share paid on 11th September 1940, a total of \$2.20 per share	\$720,000.00
To pay a dividend of \$1.10 per share on the 300,000 new shares ranking for dividend as from 1st July 1940	330,000.00
To pay a second donation to the South China Morning Post Bomber Fund	50,000.00
To place to Reserve	600,000.00
To carry forward to next account	584,667.30
	\$2,284,667.30

It will be noted that the total dividend distribution for the year

Current Prices

The following increases in the Company's standard charges for current will become effective on all accounts sent out on and after 21st March 1941:—

- (1) For lighting from 15 cts. to 16 cts. per unit.
- (2) For power and heating from 5 cts. to 5½ cts. per unit.
- (3) The discount of 10% on power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

Share Proposals

It is also learned that it is proposed to recommend for the approval of shareholders at the forthcoming ordinary yearly meeting, the capitalisation of \$3,000,000 which will be standing to the credit of Reserve Account; this will be issued in the form of 300,000 shares of \$10 each fully paid and will be allotted to shareholders on the Register on 1st April 1941 in the proportion of one share for every three held. The shares representing fractions will be sold by a nominee to be appointed by the Board and the net proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions.

The Directors also decided to increase the Issued Capital of the Company by the issue of a further 300,000 shares at \$10 each payable in full to the Company's Bankers on or before 30th September 1941; these shares will be offered to shareholders on the Register on 1st April 1941 in the proportion of one share for every complete three shares held. Shareholders will be given power to renounce their rights under such offer. No rights will attach to any fractions.

Both these issues will rank for dividend as from 1st July 1941.

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UNITED STATES MAYORS, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF CITIES ON THE EAST AND WEST COAST, WERE YESTERDAY URGED BY MR. LA GUARDIA, MAYOR OF NEW YORK, TO TACKLE IMMEDIATELY THE PROBLEM OF AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Mr. LaGuardia was speaking at the Mayors' Conference at St. Louis (Mo) and added that while there was a 97 per cent chance of not being attacked, neither the United States Government nor any mayor could afford to take the three per cent chance. — Reuter.

BREST AND CALAIS BOMBED

Bombers of the Coastal Command yesterday attacked the naval base at Brest and the docks at Calais on the French Coast, according to an Admiralty communiqué.

All the planes returned safely. — British Wireless.

JOE LOUIS FIGHT POSTPONED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
The projected fight between Joe Louis, world heavy-weight champion, and Arturo Godoy, has been postponed, according to an announcement by Mike Jacobs, Louis' manager. — International News Service.

MATSUOKA'S DIPLOMATIC MANOEUVRE

The Indian press yesterday dismissed the Japanese mediation move merely as a diplomatic manoeuvre and draws attention to Japan's inconsistency.

The Nationalist "Bombay Sentinel" says Japanese mediation is not wanted. With Britain's growing preparations in the Far East the Japanese daily are becoming more friendly. — Reuter.

ITALY MAKES IT UNANIMOUS

Italy's reply to the Japanese offer of mediation is that the Axis powers are determined to continue the war until final victory.

"Rome circles," says the official Stefani agency, "affirm that it is understood that the Japanese spokesman's words are intended to emphasise Japan's desire for peace and do not mean there is any possibility of mediation between the European belligerents."

"It is categorically declared that the Axis powers remain in the position several times stated, that is, they are firmly determined to continue the war until final victory." — Reuter.

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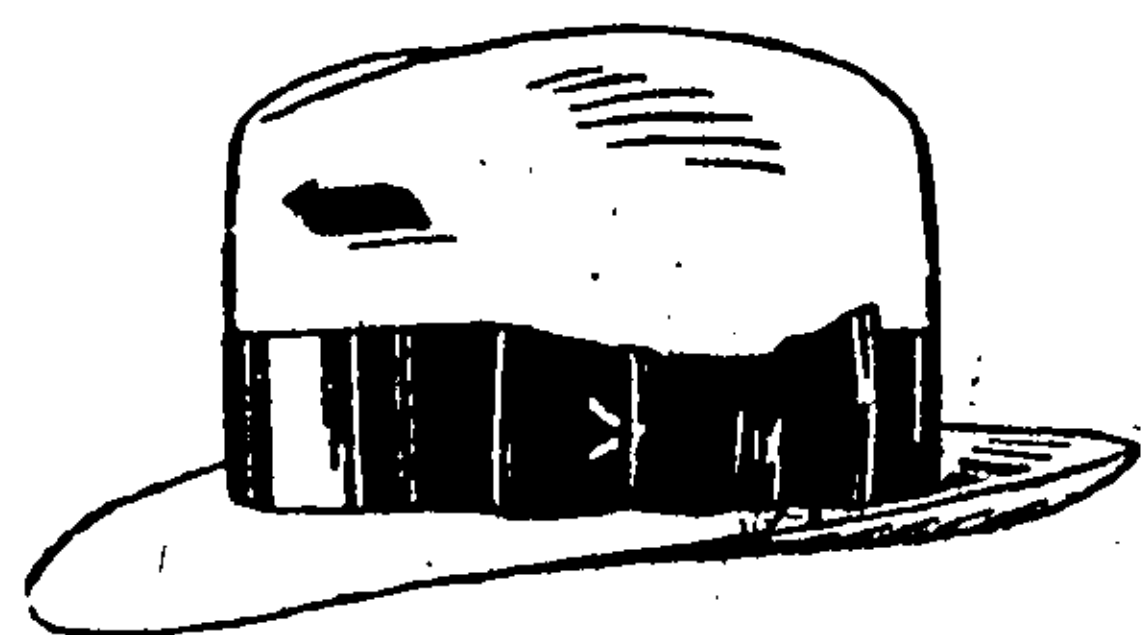


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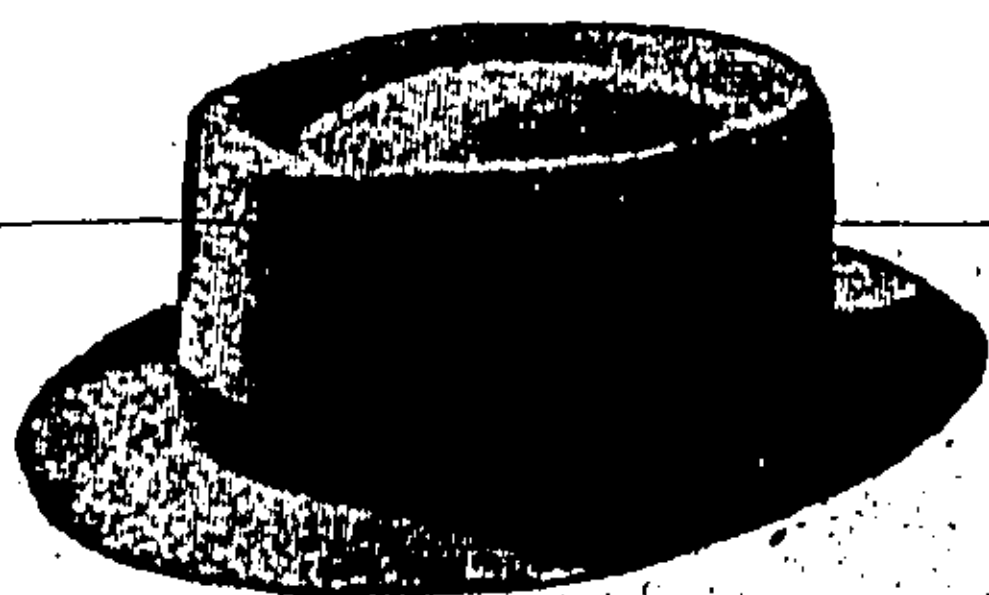


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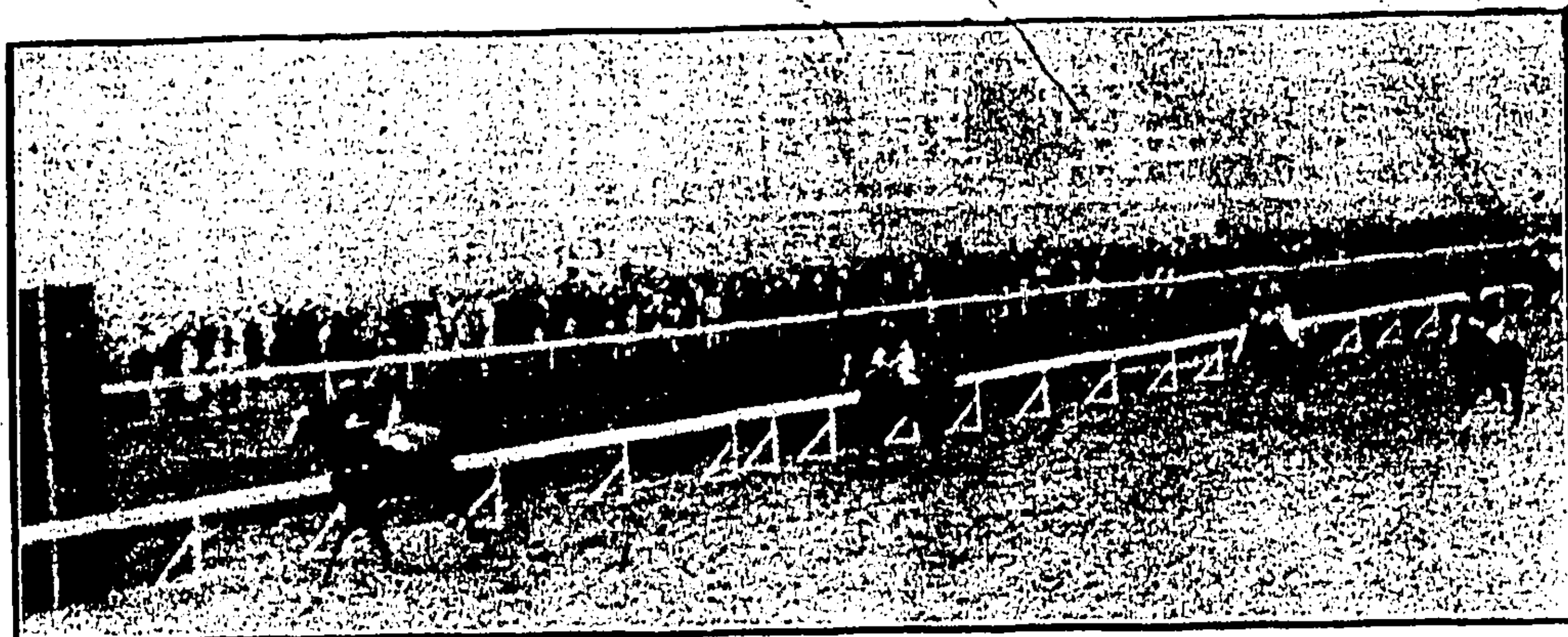
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The Races



Hollandia's Dutch Treat (Mr. Boteho up) being led in after its excellent win in the Garrison Cup event on Tuesday. It paid \$78.50 for its win.



Sapper winning the Coral Handicap by 5 lengths from Far View, with Viceroy, right, third and Australian Diamond fourth.



The scene in the Paddock prior to the running of the Hong Kong Derby on Tuesday.



Winner of the third section of the Sydney Maidens on Monday was Yeung Bros.' National Welfare (Mr. Tao up), seen here being led in after its success. It paid \$51.90 for a win.



A new picture of Mr. Winston Churchill, dynamic leader of the British Empire war effort.



(Left)—H. E. Major-General A. E. Grissett (leading) in Mrs. Grissett's Sapper (Mr. Davis up) after its convincing win in the Coral Handicap.



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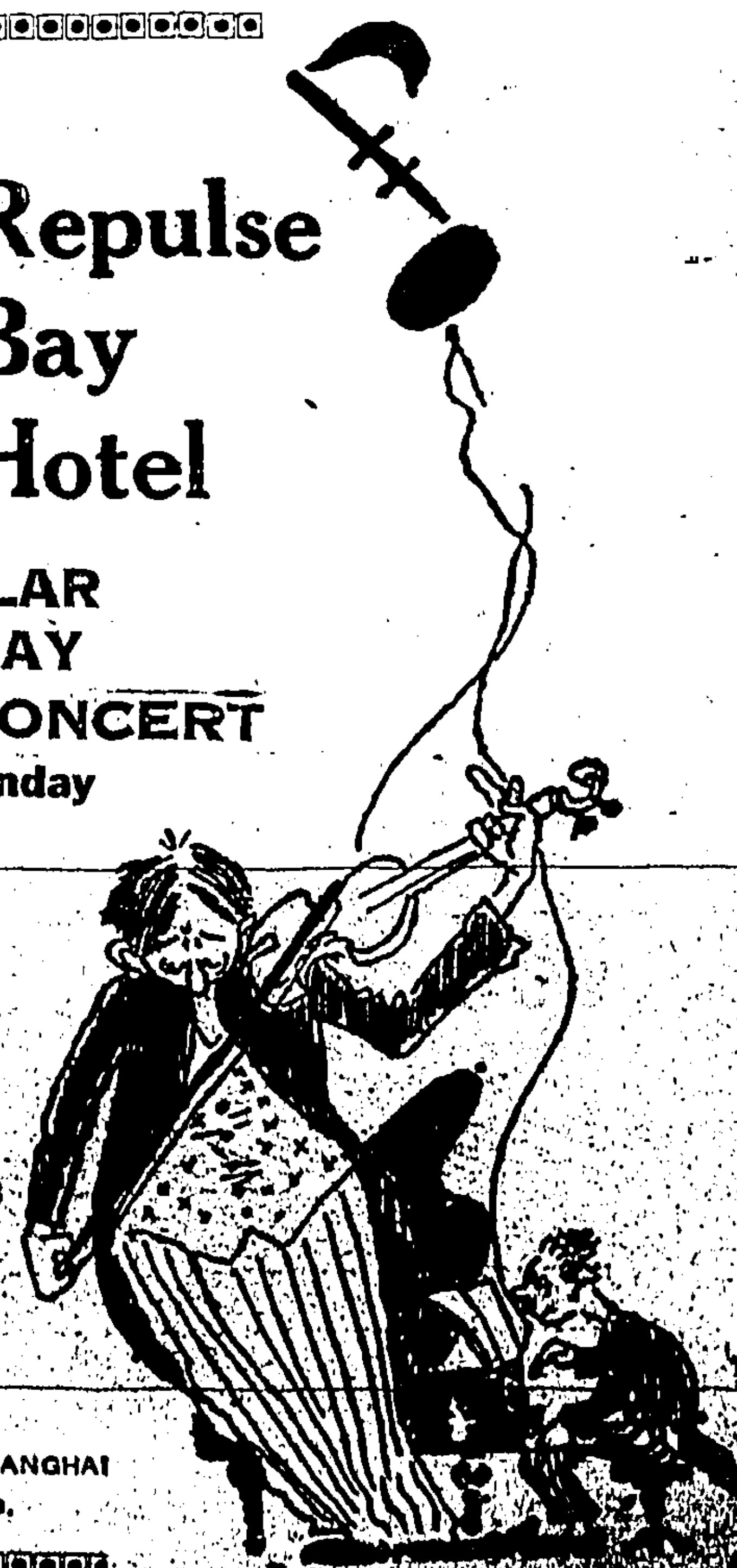
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SHORT STORY

“FEAR” By MAY WYNNE

"The reputation of the place," said Carr drily, "is not pleasant. I'm not a psychic myself, but I have spoken to friends who are altogether reliable—good, common-sense chaps who went to the barn from various motives: curiosity, amusement, honest-to-goodness interest in psychic phenomena, and they tell me they would neither repeat the experience nor speak of it. In fact one and all struck me as men who had been afraid."

Fenley chuckled. Without being a boaster he enjoyed his reputation as a man who did not know the meaning of the word fear.

Carr's speech rang as a challenge which he accepted without hesitation.

"I'm not psychic either," he retorted, "but the subject interests me when handled by an expert, and irritates me when it forms a thrill for old women and flappers. I'll go to Halsom Barn to-night just for the fun of the thing, and also to experiment on a man who interests me—you know Darnall?"

Carr nodded, not altogether pleased at hearing the name. He not only knew Fane Darnall, but respected him. The latter was in his third year at the Varsity and had decided to read for the Church. Not a particularly popular man, except amongst tennis

players. He was one who usually preferred his own company and had the reputation of being nervous to a degree.

What Fenley wanted with Darnall in respect to Halsom Barn Carr could only surmise.

Fenley was ready enough to explain. "Darnall has his views about ghosts," he jested, "has the theory of earth-bound spirits who need help. So I shall invite him to come along. Of course, if he gets the wind up badly I'll have a Scotch ready for him—but it's his own psychology I want to analyse for a character in my new book."

Carr looked at the speaker thoughtfully.

"Your affair," said he, "it reminds me of a youngster who used to set the wings of his moths before the dope of the killing bottle had killed them. He was interested in watching the signs of returning life."

Fenley reddened.

"Darnall has a perfectly free choice," he said coldly. "He can refuse my invitation, and he can make all the enquiries about the barn. After all, it is probably a put up job of poachers to keep people from using the place."

Carr said no more—but learned later that Darnall and Fenley were going to tackle the spook of the old barn.

Curiously enough, though it became the subject of bets, neither of the men were ragged about their decision.

Carr was not the only one to think Fenley was taking a mean advantage of a man who combined theories with a physical nervousness which is so often misinterpreted as cowardice.

"Have you spoken to Dan Robinson about his experience," Carr asked Darnall. "No one seems to give the vaguest clue to the mystery. I—er—don't take it seriously, eh? but if there is any sort of element..."

Darnall smiled. He was a tall, plain-featured man, with a pair of the kindest eyes.

"I know the mystery of the barn," he said quietly; "that is why I am going with Fenley. I would rather not say more than that."

He left Carr more puzzled than ever—and more resentful against Fenley.

The latter had adopted a manner of lazy indifference as he and Darnall tramped across the fields towards the derelict barn which

stood near a wood.

"Not much in the way of moonlight," drawled Fenley, "but I dare say we shall get a spot of it at the psychological moment. The only grouse I shall have is if the Elemental doesn't show up. Want something to freeze the chaps' blood, eh? I suppose you are properly psychic and expect all sorts of manifestations. What's the great idea with you?"

"I would rather tell you that afterwards," said Darnall, "but, to be perfectly frank, I do expect an experience."

Fenley laughed. He was bored by the other's attitude, but attributed it to a growing fear. It would make a clever little bit of character analysis for his book.

Darnall appeared quite content not to talk, and they reached the barn in silence.

The interior was no different to that of a hundred other old country barns. There were no hanging ropes suggestive of a noose; no upper floor or trap doors.

A quantity of rotting wood lay piled and propped at one end, and, as the young men entered, a couple of rats scurried across the floor.

"What about a perch over there?" asked Fenley, pointing to a couple of chopping blocks; but Darnall shook his head.

"I doubt if we have long to wait," he replied. "Robinson told me the time he left—it was 11.30. It is just after eleven now."

"I thought midnight was the correct time," said Fenley, but, rather to Darnall's surprise, he crossed over beside him.

The whole of the interior of the barn was in darkness, only around the open door space a faint light glowed.

The silence was complete.

At first the watchers stood alert, concentrating on that strange search into the unknown, but presently, heedless of cobwebs, they lolled back against the wall.

Fenley was wondering in bored amusement if Darnall were getting enough of it all, when a sudden chill in the atmosphere startled him. It was no draught, or rising night breeze, but that strange sense of cold which is said to accompany any manifestation of the occult.

Yet there was nothing to see yonder within the radius of light... no sound to break the silence, and yet both were aware of a fear which gripped their senses and brought beads of perspiration to their brows.

Neither had ever heard of such an experience, and as their pulses beat in heavy throbbing, the intolerable fear grew. There was something terrible here, yet terrible in a new inexplicable way.

A fear which brought physical weakness, without faintness. A horror which spoke of death and murder, yet showed no manifestation of crime.

It was as if the fear of a tortured soul had entered into each, an agony which rose to a climax and then vanished, leaving in its place a still grimmer horror. But for the darkness, each felt they might have seen eyes filled with agony and remorse; a murderer already repentant of his deed, whilst wave after wave of human despair left them dizzy and afraid... with a fear beyond the fear of death.

Fenley had entirely forgotten his companion, the study of another man's character under nerve strain was utterly wiped out. His only desire was to escape from two experiences each as tragic as the other.

Caring nothing as to Darnall, heedless whether he had fainted or gone crazed under the ordeal, he reeled away, out into the moonlight... out across the meadows, sweating, trembling, till a hand gripped his shoulder, and he saw Carr.

"Where," asked the latter harshly, "is Darnall?"

Fenley's laugh was eerie enough. "I left him to hobnob with the devils," he replied. "I've had enough of them."

"You know what fear is," stated Carr, and got the answer which he might have asked for in vain to-morrow.

"Fear," muttered Fenley, "it was fear. But I'm not translating it for your benefit. You'll probably find Darnall a gibbering maniac."

"Ah!" said Carr, "and you left him to it!"

Then he went back across the

fields to Halsom Barn.

Darnall was standing on the threshold—he looked at his friend with an understanding smile.

"I am going," he said, "to a man in need. Afterwards I will tell you the reason for a ghost that is laid."

It was impossible to ask questions, though Carr's wonder grew. Darnall, pale enough, smiled as though he took a message of good news.

It was the loneliest of cottages to which he went. A dreary place with weed-choked garden and the air of desolation.

It struck Carr as curious that his friend was evidently expected. A man, gaunt, lean and tired in expression, stood on the threshold. Darnall gripped his hand and they went in together.

Carr waited for an hour—it seemed impossible to go home leaving the mystery unsolved.

At last Darnall came out alone and joined him. The two walked away without speaking at first.

Carr felt no wish to criticise or joke about the flight of fear-stricken Fenley. He sensed something bigger than any of them had allowed for.

Then presently Darnall spoke.

"I am going to tell you the story, Carr," he said, "but first I must ask you neither to tell Fenley or any others. To me there is something too pitiful and sacred in this tale of human suffering to allow it to be told as a mere ghost tale."

"I have always been interested in the occult. My theory is that when anyone comes back from the Unseen World there must be a very definite reason. I have proved this twice. When I heard the men talking of the haunted barn I did not question those who had gone to exploit a ghost, but made enquiries from local friends."

"Finally I elicited the yarn of a gamekeeper and his wife living about a mile from the barn. They had no children, and I suppose were quite devoted; the only trouble was the man's fits of temper, amounting to mania."

"When one of his 'rages' came on he seemed capable of any crime, but with his wife these attacks were very rare till the time when they quarrelled over her perfectly innocent friendship with her cousin. Peter forbade Annie to go out with him—and she disobeyed. His fury was terrible, and he warned her he would do her in if she disobeyed again."

"She disobeyed—overruled: by the other lad's gay coaxing, but she knew her husband had learned of her folly, and when the time drew near for his return home panic fear seized her."

"The cottage, as you saw, was in the loneliest of places, and the young woman, timid and afraid, must have worked herself up into a frenzy so that at last, catching up her cloak, she ran out and away to Halsom Barn, where she hid amongst the wood."

"To understand what happened to-night you must try and experience the agony of horror overwhelming the terrified girl—she was little more. Loving the man wholeheartedly, she could pity him as the victim of a maniac's fits. She visualised the horror of the deed she was convinced he contemplated."

"And then, as she crouched there in terror, she heard him call her name... and so great was her terror, that she sank down there—in death."

"It was there he found her, saw the piteous terror stamped in the open eyes, and knew what her fear had been. He had come, raging, too blind with anger to know what he intended to do—though he had thrust a knife from the table into his pocket."

"Seeing her dead, realising his mad folly, he knew there the fear I was cognizant of to-night. I came, expecting such an experience. As the fear passed I prayed that Annie might know of her man's grief, and he of her forgiveness."

"I believe I was used as a medium between two worlds, even though I am no Spiritualist."

"By prayers I was permitted to serve. Annie's home will have again the spirit of peace. Annie's husband will take up his life again."

"The ghost of Halsom Barn will bring no more a fear that is dead."

The dawn was breaking as the two reached their college.

To John Carr, too, had come a revelation.

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Chapters Of Heroism

In London's Bombarded East End

By Maurice Fagence

I HAVE just spent two hours in London's East End. In case you don't know London, that's where the bulk of her poorest people live.

Two hours! I might have lived through fifty years of some of our most glorious chapters in history yet come across less heroism.

And that is all you will get by way of introduction to the story I have to tell you.

I begrudge the words to tell you anything that's not in my note-book.

* * *

There's Mrs. Halliday.

She was buried in her cellar. They prodded the ruins with a cane until a tug on the cane told them it had reached her.

Then they cut the inner tube of a bicycle and pushed one end down to her.

"We're sending you some milk," they shouted, thinking that a seventy-six-year-old woman would like nothing better.

"Make it beer," said a faint voice.

When a local publican had rolled out the barrel, a somewhat stronger voice said: "What about cheese and biscuits to make a meal of it?"

Two minutes' work by a Canadian soldier with a crowbar, and she had her cheese and biscuits.

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An ex-soldier stood in the ruins of his home.

He had made the last payment to the building society on September 3. The house was his at last.

He looked round at the pile of rubble.

Somebody sympathised.

"Aw, what does it matter?" he said. "Property's nothing. You can repair property."

You couldn't have repaired that property, which he had been paying for twenty years.

But there's none so blind as those who prefer not to see.

None so wonderful, either.

This may not sound so wonderful, until you think it over.

At least fifty of the mothers-to-be in the maternity home that was hit said to their nurses: "I don't care, as long as baby is all right."

Perhaps most mothers-to-be speak that way.

But it doesn't make it less heroic.

This may not sound so remarkable either. A father with a leg cruelly injured carried his daughter to a rescue squad.

There was blood on her face. "If you don't take my daddy, you don't take me," she said.

* * *

The woman of seventy-odd, a typical George Belcher character, who went to a first-aid post with a broken arm.

"What's the fuss?" she kept asking in unladylike language. "What the hell's the fuss?"

"Broken arms are broken arms," said a St. John Ambulance worker.

You know 'em. They consider their pocket-money wasted unless they spend it on bandages for other people.

"Don't talk wet," said this unladylike person. "I've been through three wars and this isn't going to get me down."

I still prefer to call her a lady!

* * *

Let us move to Central London. A man who lets out coster-barrows to costermongers heard what was happening in London's East End.

"Who'll help me to push all my barrows down there?" he asked. "Blimey, I don't care if I don't get one back."

He found all the volunteers he wanted.

They set out—like those battered old tubs that sailed for Dunkirk.

It was two days before they got back. And what work they did in the meantime I can leave you to guess.

There was something of that

Dunkirk spirit in London's East End.

Soldiers Help

Hundreds of soldiers spending treasured days of leave in London set out for the East End when they knew what was happening there.

They helped with the work of rescue through days and nights, nights and days.

I spoke to one who had overstayed his leave by thirty hours. He had helped to save scores.

I told him I'd write to his commanding officer to explain why he was overdue.

"No," he said reflectively. "I don't want anybody to think I'm swanking. And I can do seven days confined to barracks on my blasted head."

I reserve the right to tone down swear-words as I think fit.

Colonial and Dominion soldiers in particular were touched by the plight of women and children.

They were thinking of their own wives and youngsters.

"He's going to be paid back," they said.

I'll leave you to guess who "he" is.

* * *

I went into a pub. "How much money yer got, mate?" they asked as soon as I got in.

They wanted money for refugees pouring into the school opposite.

Many a man went in with the price of three pints and found it would only buy half a pint—and the comfortable feeling of having done something decent.

Landlords lost custom, yet handed over pound notes to make their losses more real.

A grocer stood in the wreckage of his shop.

He went on serving as if nothing had happened.

"It goes down on the account," he said to each customer.

The wonderful old liar. There were no accounts. They had been destroyed. Nor was he trying to remember.

He was giving everything away. I could tell you scores of stories about the heroism of the A.R.P. people.

There's so much more in my note-book, but I must turn from it for a moment.

I have a young colleague, under military age, who spends his nights doing unpaid A.R.P. work in London's East End and many hours of his days on the office roof looking for Huns.

And he has a note-book.

Without wasting a word, I'll tell you about some of the things in it.

He heard firemen, rushed to first-aid posts with burns and smoked eyes, complaining about the time taken in treating them.

It wasn't that they sought quicker alleviation of their pain.

They wanted to get back to the job of fighting the fire as quickly as they could.

This young colleague saw a young man sitting in agony with severe head wounds, protesting that he was "all right" until the last woman and child had been attended.

Then he fainted with pain.

He was ten times worse injured than anybody there—yet "I'm all right" was his refrain.

Holiday Spirit

Another note tells how a District Warden stood on a chicken hutch to see how the occupants of the Anderson shelters in a row of wrecked gardens were faring.

From a badly damaged shelter came a voice: "Nah, then. Nah, then. Lay off them there chickens, mate. I want to sell them when this packet's finished."

He mentions the bravery of women ambulance drivers.

"Even when bombs dropped they wanted to use their lipsticks," he observed.

The same note-book tells, how people rescued from bombed buildings were removed to refugee centres that were being

bombed preparatory to being taken away in cars and lorries that were being bombed.

They kept on singing. "There'll always be an England."

The note adds:

The spirit I observed in all these people was the spirit I have always noticed in them when they are going to Hampstead Heath for Bank Holiday.

This colleague saw hundreds of young men arrive and offer themselves for any jobs that might be going.

You know, young men with well-greased hair and dapper suits. The sort of young men to whom silly women gave white feathers in the last war.

They were put to lifting heavy stones and huge beams from wrecked buildings.

* * *

Right through the night those young men toiled, till their well-groomed hair was tousled and white with dust, their dapper suits torn, their hands bleeding, their muscles—in many instances unused to such heavy toil—pleading for the rest that their stout hearts refused to confer.

Even when bombs rained round them they refused to give in.

Then there was the young lorry driver who had been working in the danger area for twenty hours, but was at last ordered to a point far outside London.

"Have a heart, mate," he pleaded. "I mightn't get a chance of getting back."

Much in my own and my colleague's note-books will have to go unprinted. Volumes could be told of the heroism of the people of the mean streets of London's East End.

But you know 'em.

You may have seen them only occasionally on a visit to London. You may have served with them in the last war.

You may have criticised them at times, as I criticised the cockneys when I first came to live among them—until I realised that their real pearls were in their hearts and not on their jackets.

I wish you could have seen them when Hitler tried to smash their spirit in three days.

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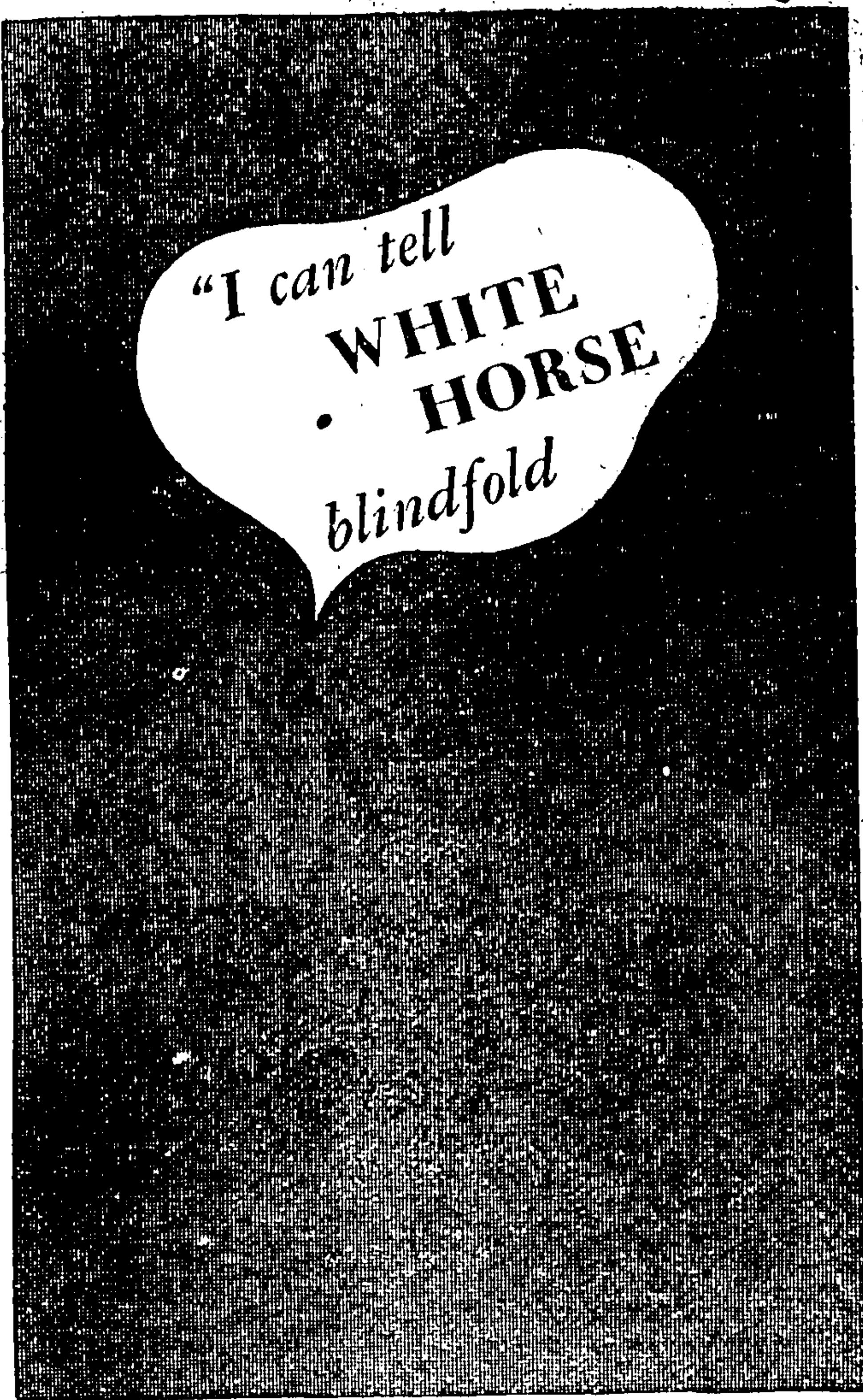
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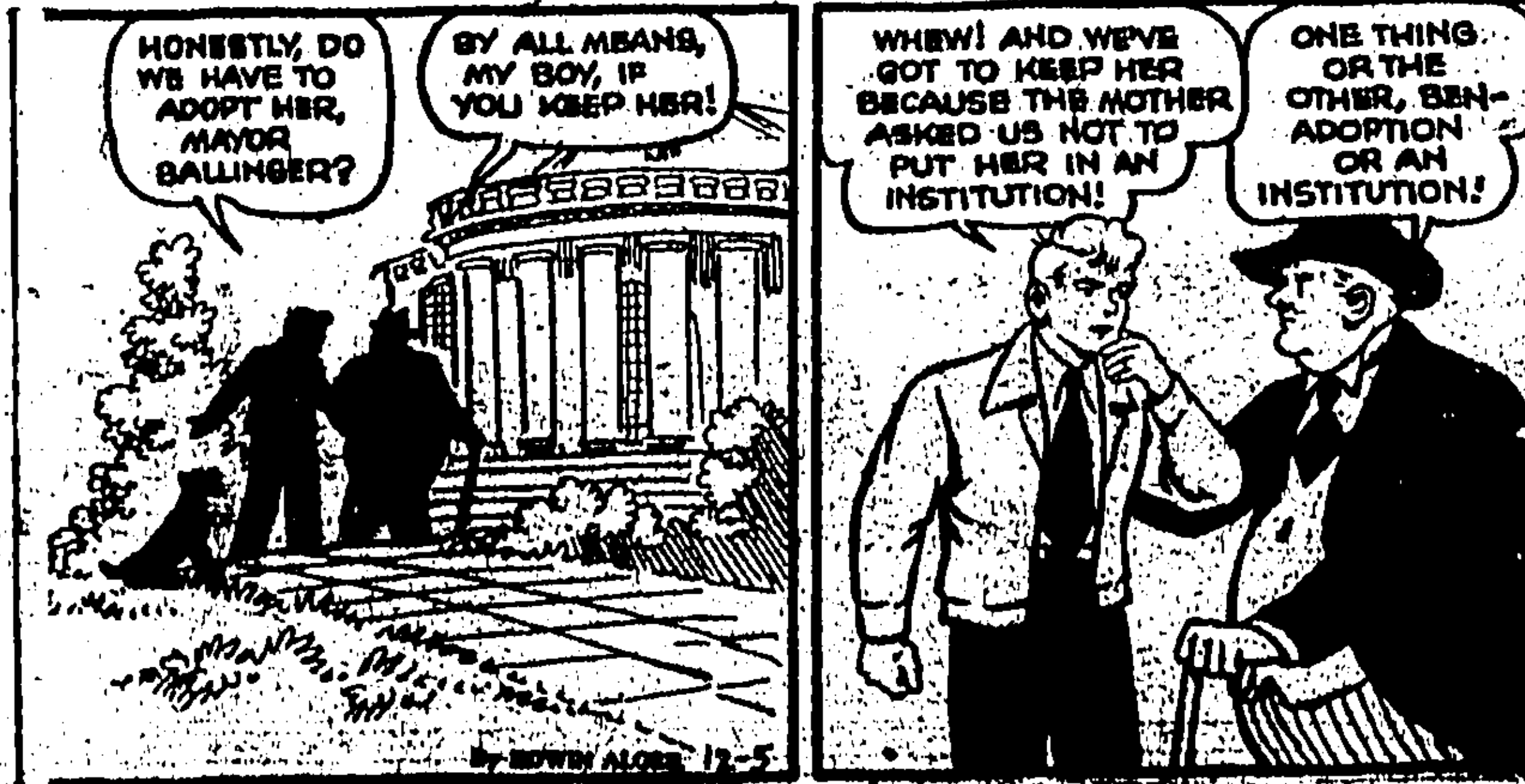
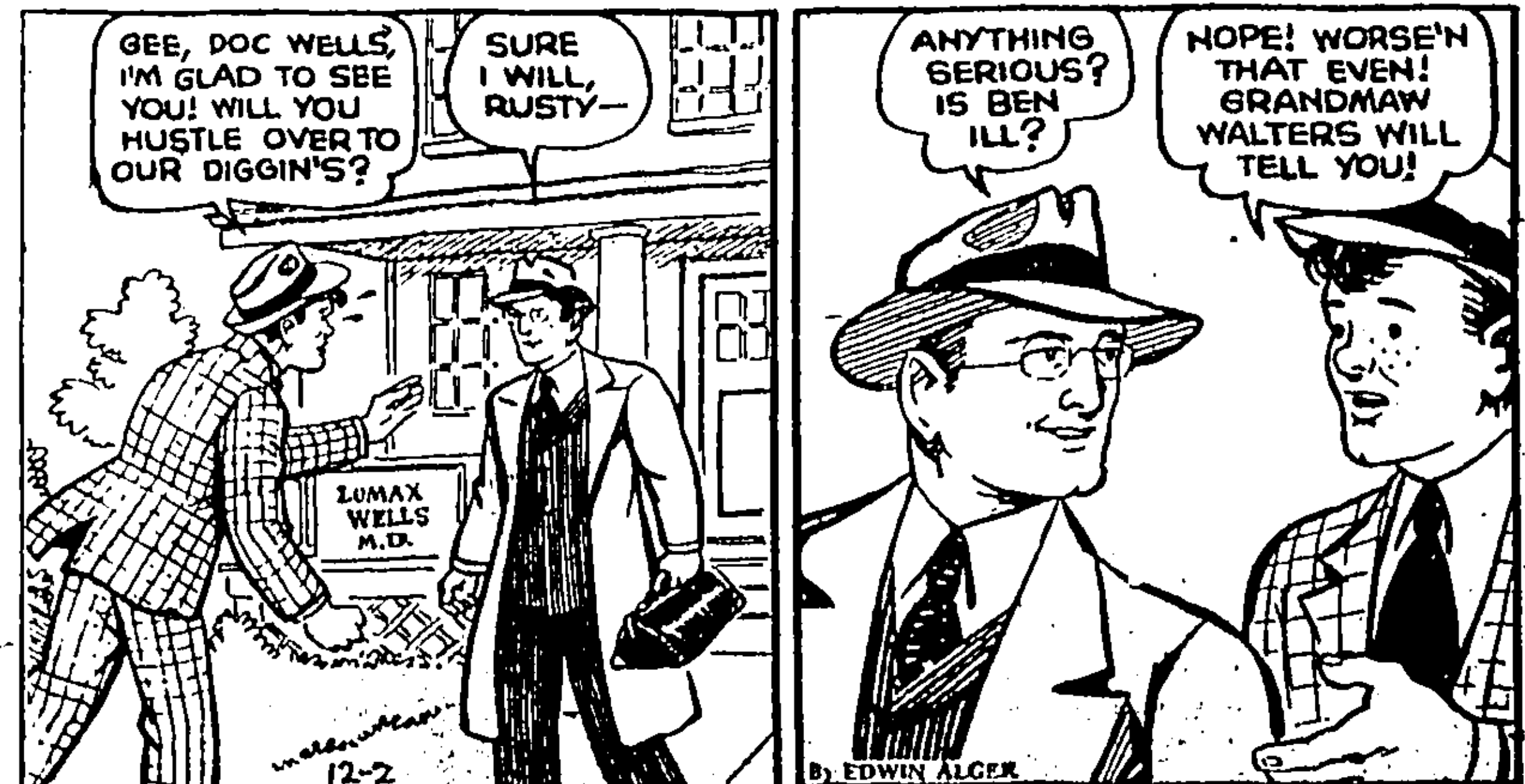
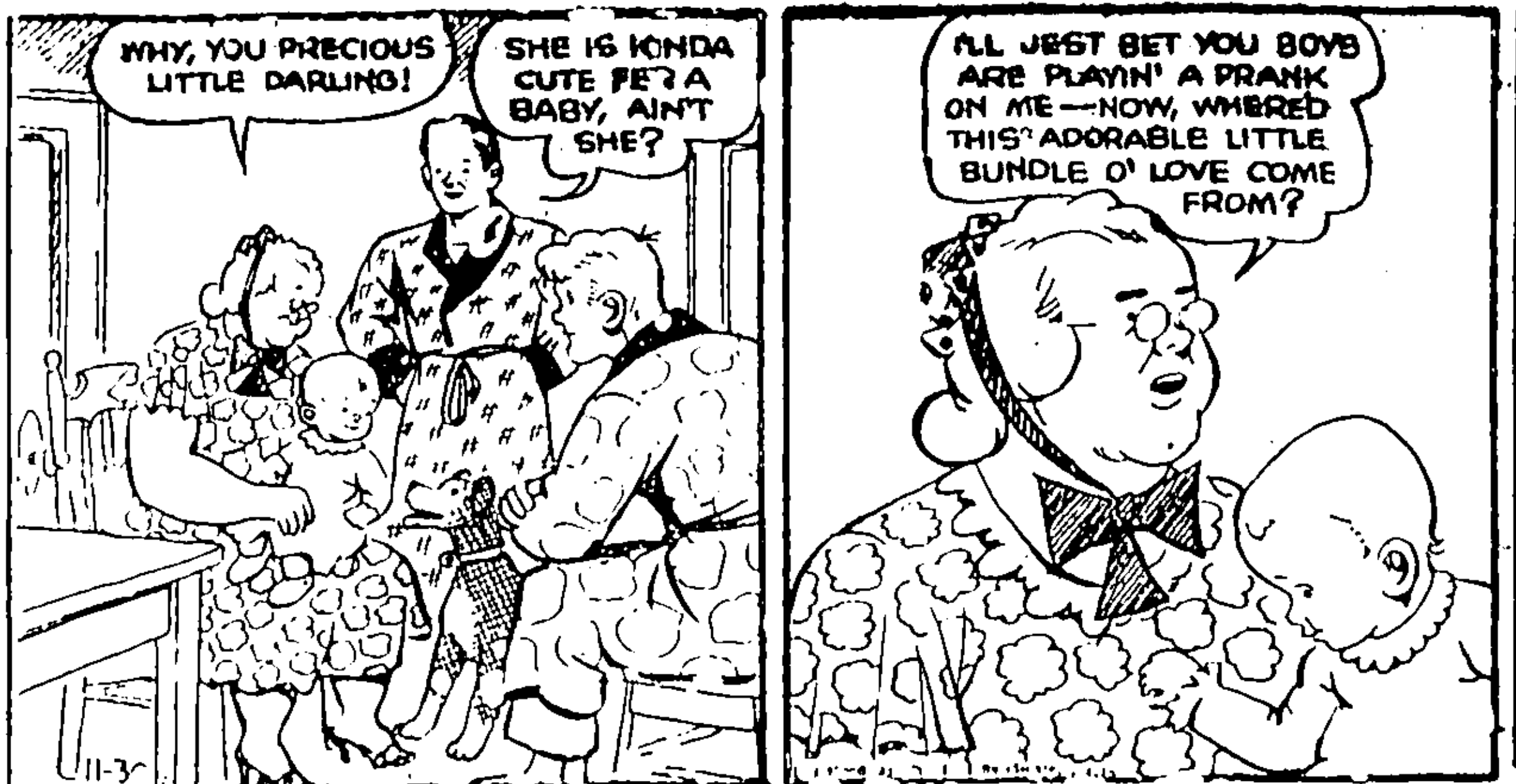
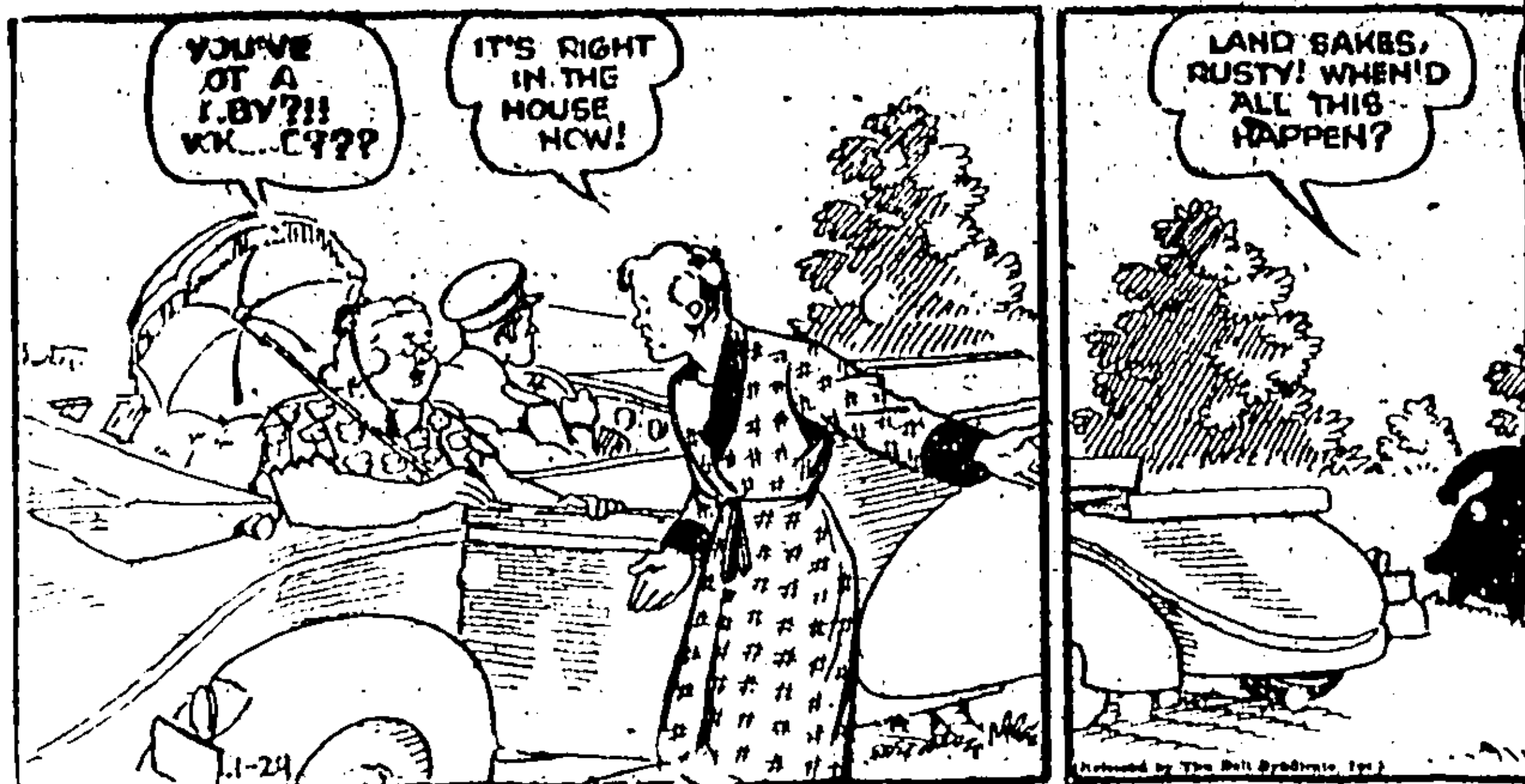
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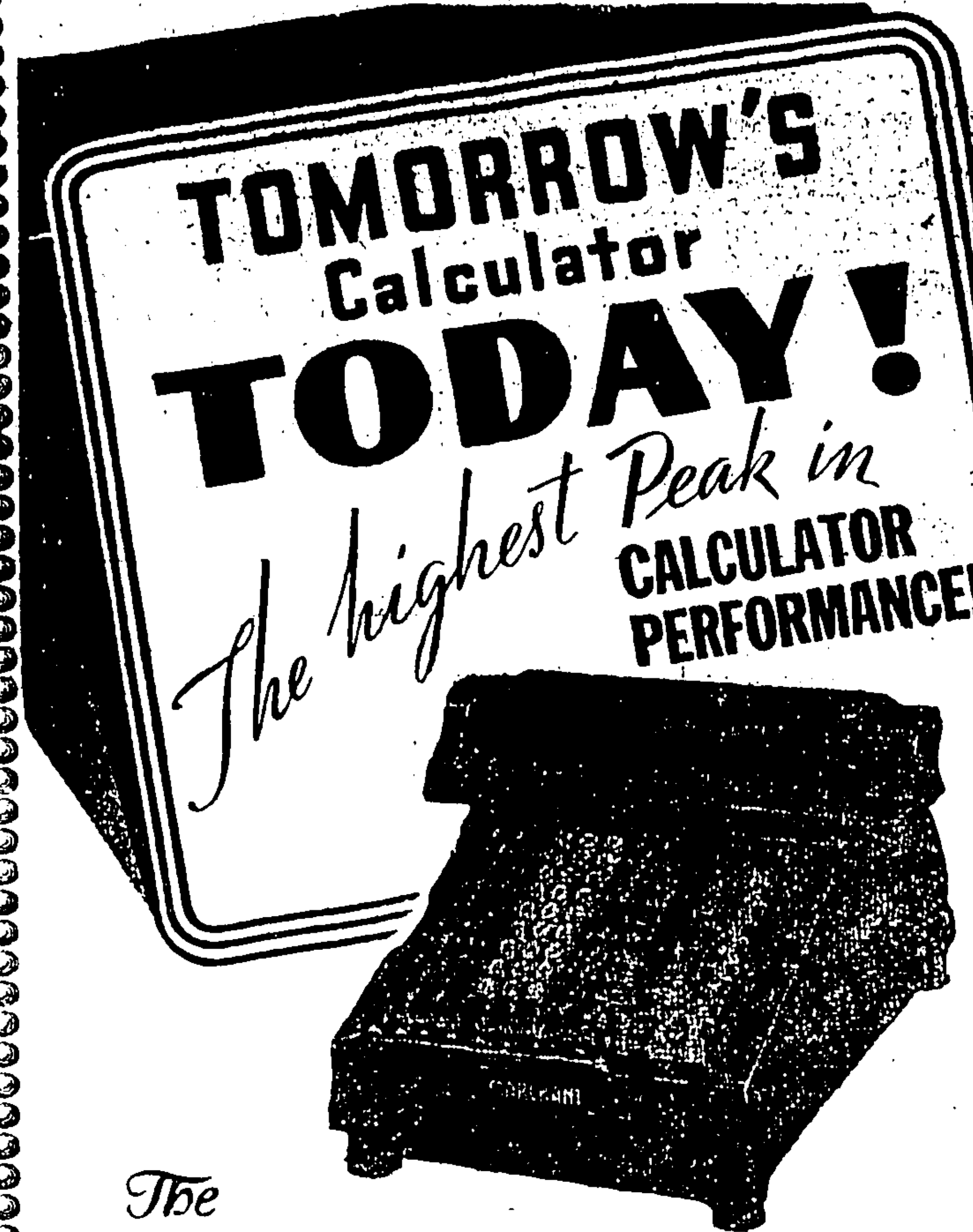
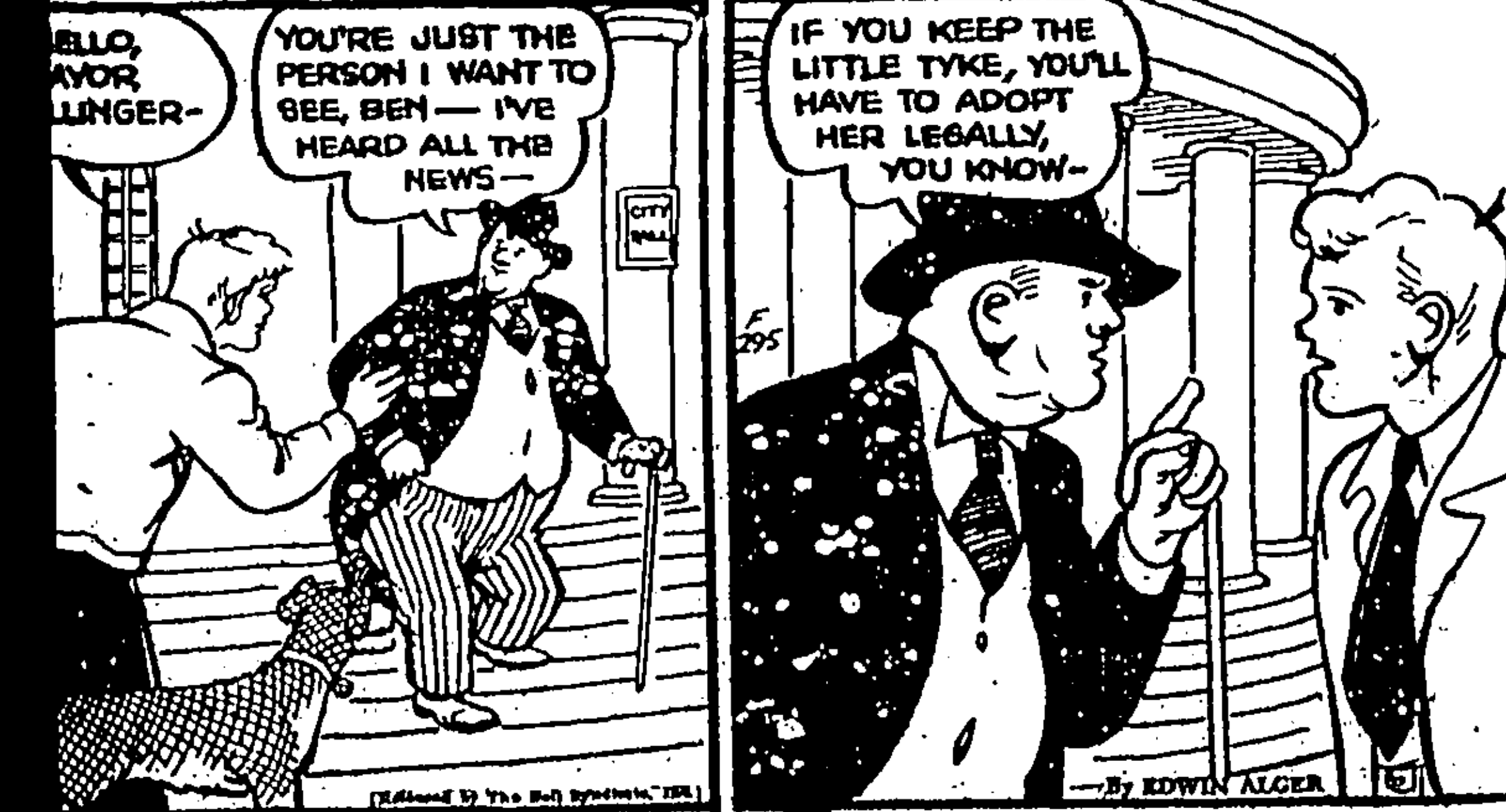
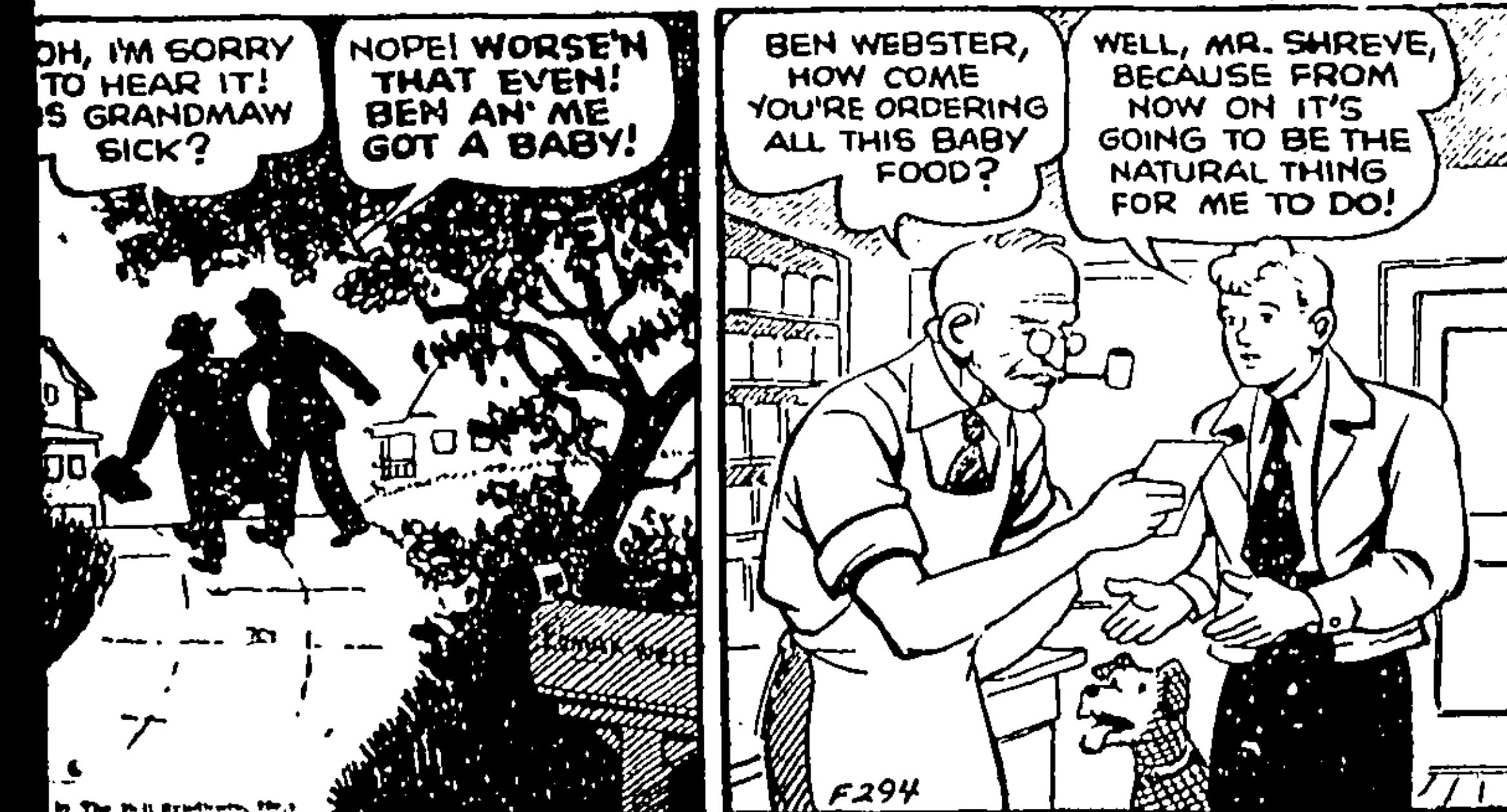
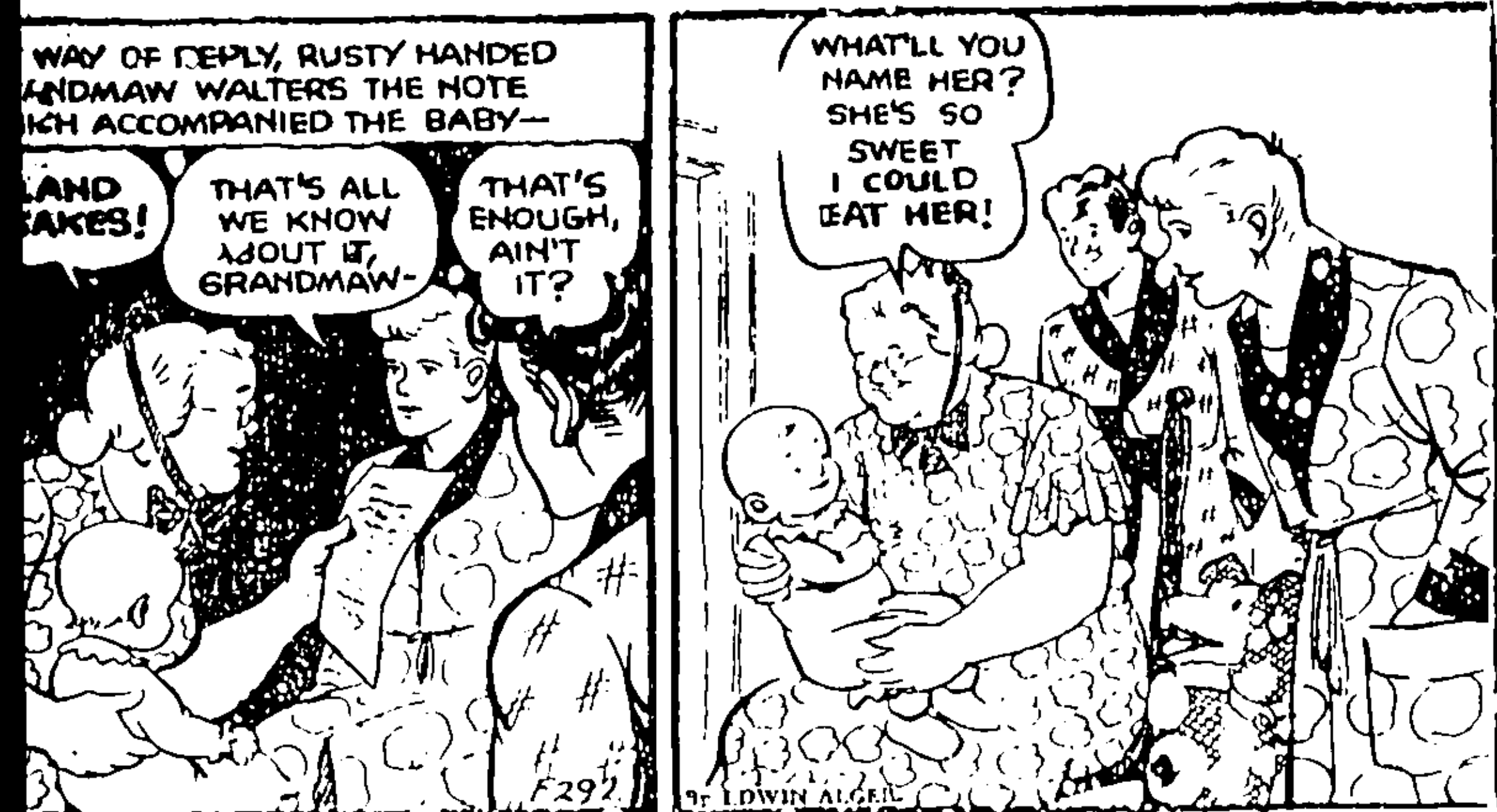
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This war is going to be a much more expensive business than the last. In 1918 our maximum daily expenditure had reached what then seemed a colossal figure — £7,000,000. This war, which Mr. Churchill visualises as running in to 1943, is already costing us between £9,000,000 and £10,000,000 every 24 hours.

We have already placed orders in the United States to the tune of some £600,000,000—something more than half of what we can pay cash for. But United States' capacity to help in the matter of supplies is still in its infancy. In time we hope to see the American stream become a flood.

Tied To Wall Street

Let us be certain that we shall float into victory on this flood, not flounder into a peace like the last one.

War loans helped us to win the last war; the problems they gave rise to helped us to lose the peace.

Upon whether we shall be tied by the leg to Wall Street or was to continue after the war,

bound in an understanding of our mutual indebtedness will depend whether the next peace will be one dictated by the money bags or by the desire of intelligent public opinion on both sides of the Atlantic to lay the basis of a saner international system.

Tariff Frontiers

The last war landed us in a financial mess and in a competitive war with America that did a lot to shape the tragic course of the events which culminated in September, 1939.

It was out of this mess that emerged the scramble to build up tariff frontiers, which lie much more at the root of the present war than the political frontiers of Versailles.

When France was still our ally a joint economy was born, which was to continue after the war,

The orders which are now being placed with United States industry imply a great deal of mutual planning and division of labour as between the two countries.

The Americans admit that their industry is being assisted into a high degree of efficiency to meet

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the United States defence programme by the "fighting experience" contained in every British war order. Can this be extended into a cooperation that will outlast the needs of war and to cater for the new world which Roosevelt has visualised as one in which there shall be no hungry people?

Or, as happened before, are our capitalists to spend money to build up a rationalised American industry that will sweep us out of competitive markets when the war ends?

These may be unkind — and even tactless — questions to raise at the moment when we are seeking American aid in our life-and-death struggle.

But they are questions that must be faced. They are bound up with the question of our war aims. Roosevelt got the majority of the American people to vote for him not only because he wanted to help Britain, but also because he had educated them to a conception of a sound peace that must follow the war.

Remember 1931

The British Government is now considering its war aims, and may

declare them. Here lies the key to the future of Anglo-American cooperation.

The American people will not travel far with us if our rulers have in mind another Versailles Europe. They will not underwrite a system that repeats all the errors of the last peace.

And we cannot withdraw into an Anglo-American union that ignores Britain's position as a Continental Power without becoming in effect a colony of a greater American Empire.

The British people's resistance has inspired the American democracy to give us help that it was reluctant to give in the days when our efforts were half-hearted and the smell of Munich was still in the air.

If we tell the American people what we are fighting for, what sort of place we want to make of the post-war world, we shall capitalise the present mood of the two peoples and convert any assistance America gives us into a token of our interdependence.

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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Matched Make-Up

Be Meticulous

Women have been taught that make-up colours should definitely harmonise and as a group they should enhance her natural beauty. An orange-red lipstick certainly does not go with a rose rouge and a pink powder. An orange-red lipstick requires a rouge of the same colour, but slightly lighter in shade, and the powder should be on the tannish, rather than the pinkish blend. If one's natural colouring is not flattered by such a combination it should not be worn even though the orange-red might be decreed high cosmetic fashion. Some skins are flattered by rose-hued make-up aids, others by purple-tinged make-up and still others by more intense scarlet. It is up to the individual woman to select the most becoming make-up combination and to wear clothes colours which harmonise with that combination.

During summer, let us say, when our skins have been tanned shades deeper, we might be able to vary our make-up combination, but the rest of the time we must be pretty loyal to the colour most flattering to our natural skin tone.

Now Matched For You

Time was when women had to shop from counter to counter to get a rouge to blend with a chosen lipstick. Then her next problem was powder—the choice being anything but satisfying as most powder mixtures were too light in shade. Now all this frantic shopping can be avoided by buying matched make-up that comes complete.

A famous Fifth Avenue salon was the first to offer lipstick, nail polish, rouge, powder and eye-shadow all in one box—the shades perfectly matched. But now several firms have assembled combinations.

One has presented us with powder base, lip and cheek rouge in stick form (to simplify its application) and an exquisitely textured powder to match the powder base. Each combination is keyed to flatter a basic complexion type, and there are four combinations. Your specific combination will give you a flawless looking complexion that stays intact for hours and the joy of this presentation is its price—even school girls will not wince!

Put On Clean Skin

Once you have your little box of matched make-up, don't grow



The gay young blade says it's foolish to spend your money on silly things unless they're awfully young and cute.



Always imagine that a candid camera is about to take your picture. That will inspire you to meticulous grooming. This beauty has just evenly outlined her lips with that new deep lipstick shade beloved by chic women. It has the richness of a deeply coloured tulip.

If your eyebrows invariably bleach in the sun try smoothing them down with white vaseline before you go to play out of doors winter or summer. The vaseline prevents them from bleaching just as oil prevents your skin from burning. They look sleek to boot!

Vaseline applied on lashes and brows before a swim is a good trick too for vaseline is water repellent. They will look long, dark and heavy when you emerge from the briny deep!

Astringent Bleach

Here is an astringent wash which corrects coarse pores, remedies oily skin and bleaches discoloured skin. Apply with a sponge each night and morning on face and any part of the body. Cucumber juice one and one-half ounce, Tincture of Benzoin one-half ounce, cologne one ounce and edelflower water five ounces. Put the Tincture of Benzoin in an eight ounce bottle, add the other ingredients previously mixed and shake well.

If your hair is naturally curly dress it simply—don't strive for an elaborate coiffure. The beauty

careless about your skin care. Keep your face thoroughly cleaned each day with a bland soap and water washing, and a cream cleansing if needed. Never apply one coat of make-up over a third coat of make-up unless you wish to invite a whole crop of unlovely blemishes. Use your make-up aids sparingly—remember they are meant to enhance your natural beauty not to substitute for it! Young things should reserve detailed make-up for gala parties—the rest of the time lipstick should suffice.

of your hair, polished to a sheen through careful grooming is sufficient. Keep your complexion youthfully aglow and free of all blemishes and wear make-up to flatter your natural colouring.

Your Hands

No woman looks perfectly groomed if her hands are neglected. The skin should be soft and free of stains. The nails should be free of cuticle hangnails and the polish unchipped. With a little practice you can learn to change your polish in a jiffy. Fresh polish, evenly applied gives your hands a well-cared for look. It is important to use the "base" liquid of the same brand as your lacquer polish.

To look fresh as a daisy and perfectly groomed observe these rules of make-up: Keep your eye-brows trim by plucking the stragglers; touch the faded ends of your lashes with a little darkening; use a foundation cream or lotion to keep your make-up intact; match your powder to your current skin tone; wear no rouge during the daytime or just a speck artfully blended with your foundation cream; keep your lip outline even. Smeared lips ruin the beauty of many faces. See that your neck is powdered too. Keep your hair tidy.

Have A Dressing Table

With all your beauty aids assembled at your dressing table, grooming is very much simplified. You can make your own dressing table if you haven't one. Begin with an ordinary table. Tack on a ruffled or pleated skirt and hang a mirror on the wall above or place a small standing mirror in the centre of the table. Buy two cardboard cabinets with drawers and place under the skirt.

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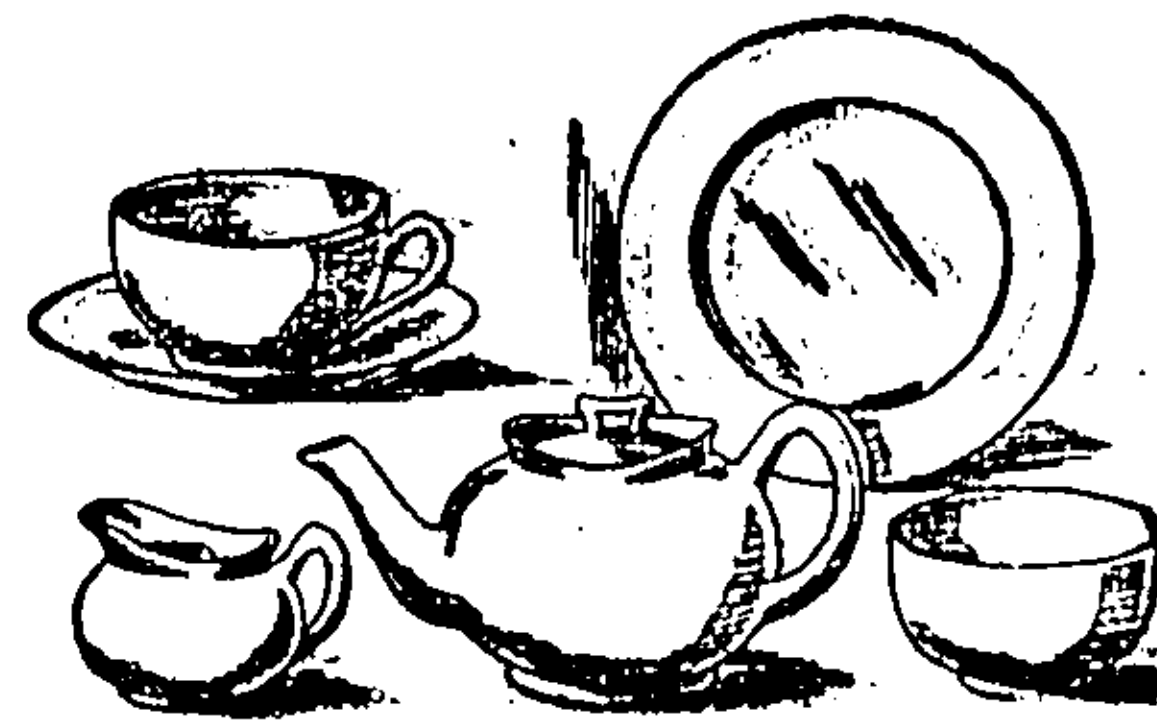
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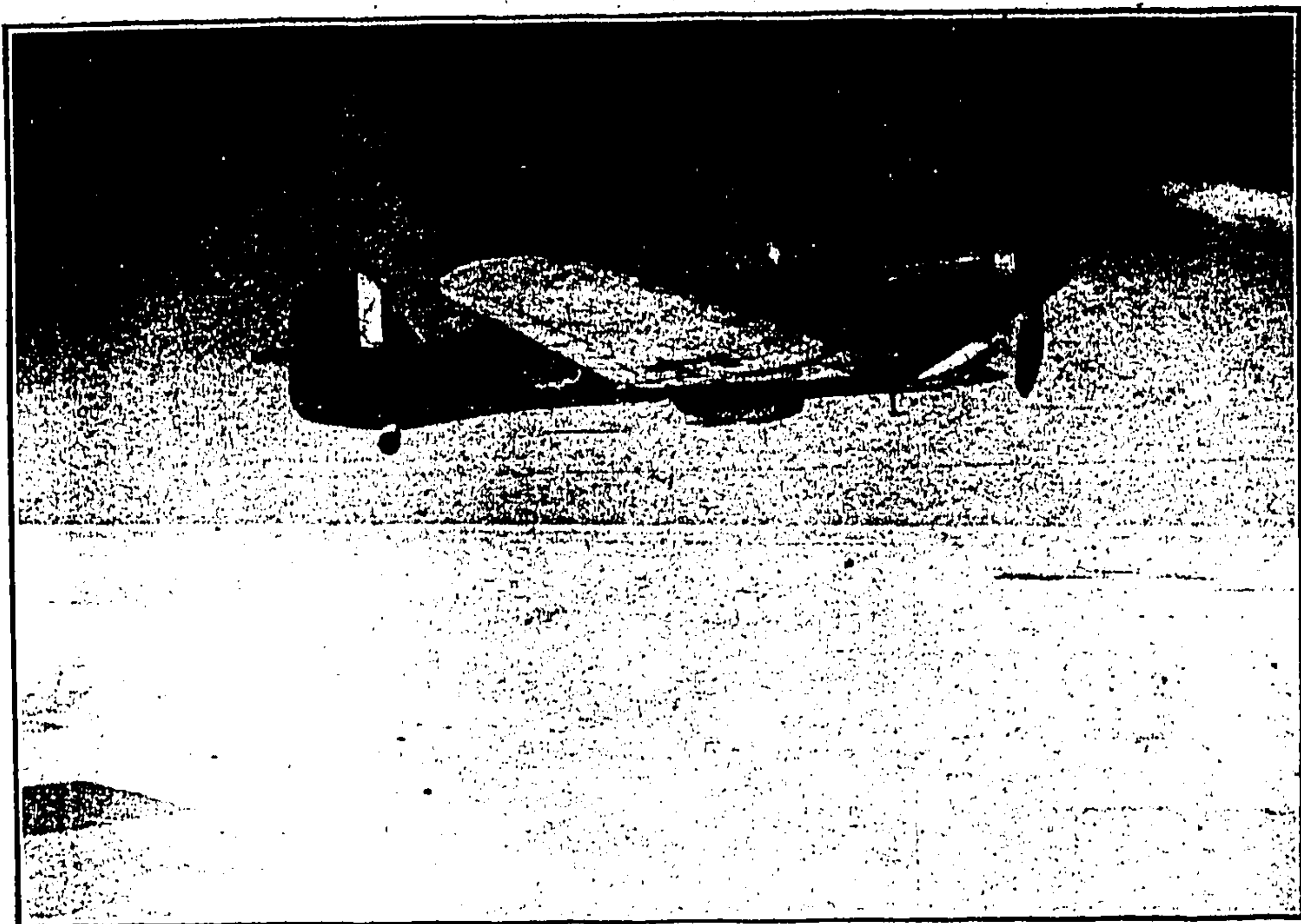
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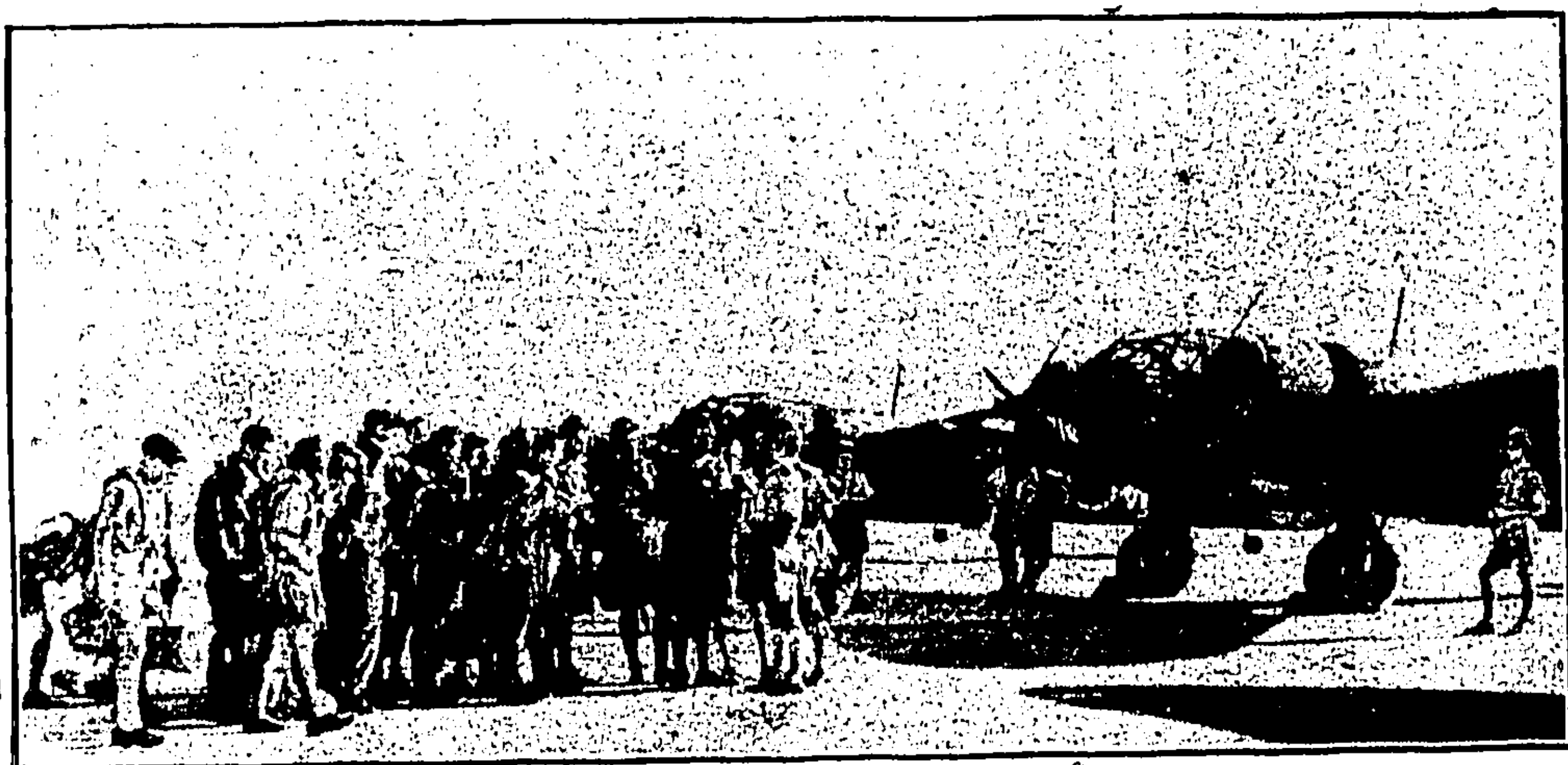
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